



Greetings {{Salutation,DefaultTo=Neighbor}},
I'm deeply saddened by the tragic and senseless murders of school children in Uvalde Texas as well as the many other murders that have happened due to gun violence near and far. Please join me in supporting President Biden's plea to raise the minimum age to purchase a gun to 21 y.o. (already law in CA), completely ban assault weapons

(currently banned in CA but at risk due to a San Diego federal judge), and require stricter background checks nationwide for all purchases. Thank you to the many organizations working to reduce gun violence and keep guns out of the hands of people who should never have one. These include [Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence](#), [Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence](#), and [Moms Demand Action](#).

Alameda County has reinstated the mask mandate for most indoor locations as of June 3. Daily reported cases have exceeded the peak of the Delta wave and hospitalizations are up. Reported cases are also a vast undercount as many are testing at home and not reporting positive results to the County. If you are eligible, I urge you to schedule your booster at the White House's new centralized website [COVID.gov](#) or at California's [MyTurn](#).

In this newsletter, you will find updates on COVID-19, community events, and more. In service,

-Dan

COVID-19 Updates

The [Alameda County face mask order has been updated](#), and the County has implemented some changes--specifically our County public health officer has reinstated a mask mandate for most indoor places. I strongly support this decision and urge everyone to respect it. Please read the Alameda County COVID-19 page for additional information on the reinstated masking requirements county-wide: <https://covid-19.acgov.org/index>.

Proof of Vaccination Policy in Oakland

Visitors to senior adult care facilities and City-run senior centers must continue to show proof of vaccination.

MASKING: Oakland already requires that patrons at indoor events in Oakland with more than 2,500 people are required to wear masks. We strongly recommend N95, KN95, and KF94 masks to ensure adequate protection. If Alameda County has stricter requirements, they apply in Oakland as well.

COVID-19 in Alameda County:

Getting vaccinated and boosted, wearing high quality masks (N95/KN95/KF94 recommended), getting tested if you are exposed or ill, and staying home if you feel sick are all important. And be sure to talk to your medical care provider if you are immunocompromised. Read more [here](#).

Here is up-to-date Information from the state on [vaccines](#) and [masking](#).

Guns to Gardens Event



Guns flood our streets, and gun violence is an epidemic in our country and also in Oakland, destroying lives daily. In 2020 and 2021, OPD recovered over 1200 firearms.

Guns to Gardens is a gun buy-back event. Gift cards will be given for the guns, and also the first 50 people will be given garden tools forged from guns. All guns collected at this event will be forged into garden tools.

Guns should be unloaded and in people's trunks (or if they are on foot, in a lockbox).

Thank you to the organizers of this event for doing such important work.

Oakland's Youth Poet Laureate is Nadia Elbgal



The Oakland Public Library has named 18-year-old **Nadia Elbgal** its [2022 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate](#). Elbgal is the eleventh youth poet to represent the city since the [program](#) was launched by the library's teen services division in 2012 to promote literacy and help connect young Oakland writers with professional opportunities.

Kaylan Black has been named the Vice Poet Laureate and is a 16-year-old junior at Envision Academy of Arts and Technology. She is the other of two 2021 Oakland Vice Youth Poets Laureate and has now also earned the title of 2022 Oakland Vice Youth Poet Laureate.

Congrats to Nadia and Kaylan!

June is Pride Month!

This month, we come together to celebrate the LGBTQ community's freedom to be themselves. The original organizers chose this month to pay homage to [the Stonewall uprising](#) in June 1969 in New York City, which helped spark the modern gay rights movement. Most Pride events take place each year in June, although some cities, including Oakland, hold their celebrations at other times of the year.

Dan joined with Mayor Schaaf and his Council colleagues, and many LGBTQ leaders in this year's LGBTQ Pride flag-raising.



Oakland Pride is returning in-person for 2022

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10 - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11,
2022**

City Council Moves Progressive Business Tax to the Ballot

On May 26th, the City Council voted to pass the Progressive and Equitable Business Tax. This vote is the result of two years of meeting with many stakeholders including local labor representatives, small and large businesses, local Chambers of Commerce including the Oakland Metropolitan Chamber, and community organizations such as Oakland Rising, the Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy, the Sierra Club and numerous other constituent groups to collectively address Oakland's Business Tax Policy.

This is a critical piece of legislation that, if passed by the voters, will bring in almost \$22 million in new revenue and provide an equitable and progressive tax structure for those doing business in Oakland. Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas led this effort for over two years. Councilmember Kalb worked with President Bas, as well as Councilmembers Fife and Thao to co-author and pass this legislation onto the November ballot for voters to decide. Go to [Oakland.legistar.com](https://oakland.legistar.com) to view the legislation [here](#) and the supplemental report [here](#).

Oakland Rent Stabilization Legislation

Caps CPI Increase

On May 31st, Councilmember Fife brought forward legislation that would change Oakland's formula for annual rent adjustments to be based on 60% of the CPI. This change would be in keeping with nearby cities, including Berkeley, which uses 65% of the CPI, and San Francisco, which uses 60%.

The policy would also make 3% the maximum amount that rents could be raised in a given year. Typically, allowable rent increases in Oakland have [ranged from 1% to 3%](#), but there have been cases when the CPI has been slightly lower or higher.

The ordinance passed at May 31st City Council meeting with a vote of 6 ayes, 1 no, and 1 abstention. The legislation will see the required second reading at the June 7 council meeting (tune in on legistar.com).

I support this policy, knowing full well that many renters in Oakland find themselves incredibly vulnerable during this time. If you are a rental property owner with very few units, I know you may be facing financial challenges as well. I remind all renters and rental property owners to visit the [Rent Adjustment Program's webpage](#) in order to learn about your available options to address any concerns.

Oakland Non-Citizen Voting Measure

I am proud to introduce a resolution this month with Councilmember Treva Reid for a ballot measure that would allow non-citizens who are the parents or legal guardians of a minor child eligible to attend Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) schools to vote for OUSD School Board Directors.

This legislation is incredibly important because research shows that parent involvement in school matters. Specifically, children whose parents are more involved in their education have higher levels of academic performance than those whose parents are involved to a lesser degree.

This legislation would allow non-citizen parents to participate in their children's education through school board elections, bringing immigrant parents into conversations about curriculum, staff, language and relevant policies used in classroom teaching.

The resolution will be heard at the June 16th Rules Committee. If it passes, it will

be heard and voted on at the June 21st Council meeting and, if the Council approves, move to the November 2022 ballot for voter consideration.

Department of Violence Prevention

The Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) is a department of the City of Oakland, which applies a public health approach to violence prevention focused on community-led intervention strategies to realize sustained safety and stability of the families and communities most impacted by violence.

The DVP builds, maintains and evolves relationships with members of the community through strategies aimed at reducing the spread of gun violence, gang violence, gender-based violence, and community healing and restoration.

Little known to most, in addition to the funding provided for the DVP staff to manage partnerships with community-based organizations, our on-staff violence interrupters and triangle incident response teams are fully present as a resource to victims, families and friends at the sites of violent occurrences. Furthermore, these credible messengers work to avert retaliatory violent acts, provide resources in collaboration with community organizations, and ensure these groups continue on a path of healing.

For more information, events and opportunities to participate in DVP activities, please visit [City of Oakland | Violence Prevention \(oaklandca.gov\)](https://oaklandca.gov/violence-prevention).

Councilmember Kalb co-led the effort last year to substantially increase funding for our city's violence prevention/intervention strategies.

Our newest initiative, supported by city-wide departments and policymakers - [Town Nights](#) - kicks off Juneteenth! Join us.

Dan's Community Office Hours



Dan continues to hold monthly Community Office Hours to hear directly from residents about their neighborhood and citywide concerns. He enjoys connecting with District 1 residents -- currently via phone due to Covid safety protocols -- and looks forward to eventually doing these in person once again. Please contact Deidra Moss (dmoos@oaklandca.gov or

510.238.3557) if you'd like to sign up to speak with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month, although in July it will be the 2nd Saturday (July 9th).

Homelessness Point in Time Count Released

On February 23rd 2022, Alameda County held the 2022 Homeless Point In Time (PIT) Count with the support of outreach team workers, city staff, County staff, community volunteers, and Guides (those who are currently experiencing homelessness or recently experienced homelessness). Thanks to the support of our community, we were able to conduct a Count of those who are forced to sleep outdoors on the night of Feb. 22, 2022. Together, this unsheltered count along with the count of people residing in shelters and transitional housing programs gives us a better understanding of the County's most vulnerable residents and allows the City to apply for targeted state and federal funding.

Count of Unsheltered/Sheltered Individuals for Oakland



Count of Unsheltered/Sheltered Individuals for Alameda County



Unfortunately, homelessness increased in Oakland and in Alameda County as a whole-- but not by as much as many were expecting. Between 2017 and 2019, homelessness increased by 47%. Between 2019 and 2022, homelessness increased by 24%. I believe Oakland's efforts to buy and repurpose hotels and motels (for example, the Piedmont Place Motel), distribute rent assistance funds, and provide greater outreach services, positively impacted these numbers. The largest increase in Oakland appears to be those living in RVs and other vehicles.

Read more [here](#).

The City of Oakland is continuing to seek out existing buildings that can be repurposed to provide housing for our homeless residents.

Oakland Community Land Trust, Affordable Housing Opportunities

OakCLT is selling affordable homes dramatically below market value to qualifying low-income homebuyers (including 2 homes in D1!) As part of that process, we are hosting several information sessions to explain OakCLT's model, what it looks like to be an OakCLT homeowner, and how OakCLT takes homes off the speculative market to keep them permanently affordable for low-income Oaklanders, to potentially interested buyers.

Visit oakclt.org/buyrent/, choose your preferred language, and click the “register for an information session” button. See sample email below. We currently have sessions scheduled for:

- June 15th, 6pm-7:30pm
- June 25th, 11am-12:30pm
- July 13th, 6pm-7:30pm
- July 16th, 11am-12:30pm

In Memory of Josephine Lee, North Oakland Community Leader

Ms. **Josephine Lee** was born on August 29, 1925 in Oakland. She was an Oakland native and District 1 resident for over 50 years.

She worked for the Federal Government for 29 years and as a pillar of the Golden Gate neighborhood in North Oakland, Ms. Lee helped to enrich the community via her work in the arts, culture and neighborhood safety.

As a leader of the Friends of the Golden Gate Library, Ms. Lee founded the Library's annual free Jazz on Sundays series, which started in 1990. For 29 years, she was one of the primary organizers of the summer-long event that brought together people of all races, ages and backgrounds for the appreciation of locally and nationally acclaimed Jazz musicians/bands each year. Only COVID put a pause to the event.



Ms. Lee also helped found the San Pablo Golden Gate Improvement Association (now known as the Golden Gate Community Association), which has served as an organizing tool around neighborhood improvement in the Greater Golden Gate neighborhood area for decades. Thanks to her work, in concert with Larry Benson and Charles Porter, Ms. Lee helped build community support for, and raise the tens of millions of dollars necessary for, the new Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center.

As part of her long-standing commitment to safety, Ms. Lee in decades past put a spotlight on the need for improved lighting along the San Pablo Corridor in North Oakland. Ever the leader, Ms. Lee also helped organize and chaired her beat's Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (10X) and led a National Night Out block gathering every year.

Ms. Lee had an immeasurable positive impact in District 1 and beyond and her presences will be sorely missed. May her memory be a blessing and an inspiration.

Community Paint Day - June 5th

Love Letter to Oakland

COMMUNITY PAINTING DAY

SUNDAY JUNE 5TH

10AM-1PM

5143 SHATTUCK AVE
IN OAKLAND

COME PAINT WITH:

@PANCHOPESCADOR

@JOEVIC_YEBAN

@HUNGRYGHOSTSTUDIO

RSVP:

DAVIDBURKE13@GMAIL.COM

*LIMIT OF 50 PARTICIPANTS



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Come unwind and enjoy a morning of mural painting!

Community Events

Rockridge Rock N' Stroll

Saturday, June 11

Free outdoor live music, big sales, popup vendors, kids' crafts, art shows, and fun activities for the whole family. College Avenue (from Broadway to Alcatraz) welcomes you to stop by, say hello, and enjoy the local wares, fine dining, savory sweets, and delicious drinks you can only find in Oakland's Rockridge District. Take BART to the Rockridge Station and you're there!

Temescal Street Fair

Sunday, June 12

Noon - 6:00PM

PRESENTED BY:
**TEMESCAL
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17TH ANNUAL

**TEMESCAL
STREET
FAIR
2022**

FREE STREET FESTIVAL
**SUNDAY, JUNE 12
NOON-6PM**

ALL AGES - LIVE MUSIC
LOCAL RESTAURANTS
SIDEWALK SALES - POP-UPS
CHILDREN & FAMILY AREA
OUTDOOR FITNESS CLASSES
DIY WORKSHOPS + MORE!

The festival will take place along Telegraph, between 40th and 51st, feature live music, entertainment, local vendors, food, shopping, community programming, and more! A free family and pet friendly event.

10Y NCPC Meetings (Longfellow/Santa Fe)

4th Wednesday of every month

Sign up [for the mailing list](#) and we need people to get involved in leadership roles

10X NCPC Meetings (Golden Gate)

3rd Wednesday of every month, except December.

Email karenyoust@sbcglobal.net to get more information.

Dan in the Community



Dan (clockwise from upper left) at Walk Oakland Bike Oakland's Bike to Anywhere Day (with AC Transit director Jean Walsh); Volunteers at our May community clean-up in the Golden Gate neighborhood; with guests at the Party for the Oakland Promise; and Dan getting ready to throw out the first disc at the season opener of the Oakland Spiders Ultimate Disc Team playing at Oakland Tech H.S.

Contacts:

Dan's [COVID Resources](#) page.

Oakland SeeClickFix -

Call **311**- https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>

Alameda County Social Services and Referral -

Call **211** - <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>



Dan Kalb's Council Office - 510-238-7001 (contact DMoss@oaklandca.gov to sign up for Dan's monthly Community Office Hours)

OPD Emergencies - 911 (or 510-777-3211)

OPD non-emergencies - 510-777-3333

Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline - (510) 238-7283 (recycling@oaklandca.gov)

Oakland Animal Services: <https://www.oaklandanimalservices.org>

Oakland's Planning & Building On-line Permit

Center - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/oakland/customization/common/launchpad.aspx>; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2022/oakland-launches-in-person-one-stop-permit-center-2>

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