



DISTRICT ONE NEWSLETTER – JUNE, 2014

Ethics Reform in Oakland

After months of work by our Ethics and Good Government Working Group, along with input from over a dozen expert advisors, I have released our Blueprint for Ethics Reform in Oakland. This Blueprint addresses needed Charter reforms to strengthen the City's Public Ethics Commission (PEC), along with provisions for a long overdue governmental ethics ordinance. Next up is a [public meeting of the Public Ethics Commission](#) where the Commission and members of the public will have an opportunity to discuss and vet the proposed reforms.

“When I was a commissioner on the Oakland Public Ethics Commission, it was clear that the organization’s mission was larger than its resources,” said Jon Sylvester, Golden Gate University School of Law professor and an informal advisor to the ethics working group. “The Commission can play a very beneficial role in Oakland, but it must have the tools and the budget to do so. Councilmember Kalb and the working group have come up with strong proposals to give the Ethics Commission more authority and improved structure. I support that effort.”

[Here is an East Bay Express article on the release of the blueprint.](#)

“The League of Women Voters of Oakland was instrumental in the creation of the Public Ethics Commission and adoption of our city’s Sunshine Ordinance,” said Katherine Gavzy, President of the Oakland League and a member of the working group. “We believe strongly that the Public Ethics Commission’s authority and resources must be enhanced for them to be truly effective. We commend the Ethics and Good Government Working Group project for developing new legislation to do this, and hope the City Council will give these proposals positive and serious consideration. For the people of Oakland to retain faith in their city government, they need to be assured that adequate structures are in place to keep it fair, open and ethical.”

If you support (a) upgrading our Public Ethics Commission to give it more authority and resources, and (b) the creation of a new governmental ethics ordinance for Oakland, please [contact the entire City Council](#) urging support for these reforms.

‘Kill Switch’ Legislation

The state bill, SB 962 (Leno), that would require all new smartphones sold in California to have a pre-enabled ‘kill switch’ mechanism installed passed the State Senate on May 8th. Implementation of this bill will help reduce armed and strongarm robberies by making the theft of smartphones a worthless endeavor.

I testified in support of the bill back in April and lobbied state senators to support it. My office also has been building support among key groups throughout the state.

Now, it will be heard in two policy committees in the State Assembly, where it faces a tough fight to get to the Governor's desk. [Here is a piece I wrote on the Oakland North news website.](#)



[Seeking Summer Interns](#)

We have openings for two Summer Interns at my office in City Hall. We ask for a commitment of between 20-30 hours per week. This is a volunteer position with a very modest stipend upon completion. It's a great opportunity to learn how things work at City Hall, help resolve neighborhood problems, and gain experience researching key policy issues facing Oakland. Contact Oliver Luby in my office at oluby@oaklandnet.com for more info or to apply.

[Pothole Blitz – North Oakland](#)

Our city's Public Works Agency is in the midst of our annual Pothole Blitz throughout Oakland. The blitz will hit North Oakland later in June, and will remedy most of the backlog of outstanding service requests, as well as any new urgent requests that come in. **If you have a serious pothole on your street that needs repairing, call the Public Works Call Center at 510-615-5566, or e-mail them at pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com, or use your SeeClickFix mobile app.**

Upcoming Community Events in Oakland District One

Save the Date: Annual District One Community Picnic

When: Sunday, July 20th Noon – 3:30pm

Where: Location to be determined.

Temescal Art Hop – June 6th

When: June 6th, 6pm – 9pm

Where: Telegraph Avenue between 44th and 52nd streets

Don't miss the big pre-summer **TEMESCAL ART HOP** this Friday from 6:00-9:00pm. There will be plenty of art, live music, games, food vendors, and raffle prizes along Telegraph Avenue between 44th and 52nd streets, plus the Temescal Alleys (off of 49th street).

Dan's District One Community Office Hours

When: Saturday, June 7th, 10:00am – 12:30pm

Where: Barkada Bakery Café, 4316 Telegraph Avenue

Councilmember Kalb has Community Office hours usually the first Saturday morning of each month. Any District One resident can sign up for a 15-minute slot by emailing Olga Bolotina at obolotina@oaklandnet.com. The last half-hour, from 12-12:30, is for drop-ins for 5-10 minutes per person on a first come, first serve basis. Feel free to include the topic of your inquiry or issue when you reserve a spot.

Dan's July Office Hours will be **Thursday, July 10th, 6:00 – 8:15pm** at Earthly Café, 5506 MLK Jr. Way.

North Oakland Town Hall – June 14th

When: Saturday, June 14th, from 10:00am – 12:30pm

Where: North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Oakland

Mayor Quan, OPD Chief Whent, and Councilmember Kalb are hosting a Public Safety Town Hall gathering at the North Oakland Senior Center, Saturday, June 14th, from 10:00am – 12:30pm. This will be an excellent opportunity to (a) learn more about what the city is doing to enhance neighborhood safety and (b) provide your input as to what should be prioritized in the upcoming public safety and services fall ballot measure.

Area 2 Town Hall Meeting with Mayor Jean Quan, Councilmember Dan Kalb & Police Chief Sean Whent

Public Safety: Be a Part of the Conversation!

Over the last year Oakland has been transforming its police services: creating neighborhood-level geographic accountability, implementing Ceasefire and hiring more officers. Our next phase begins now: gathering community feedback and working together to grow police-community collaboration.

How We Strengthen Community Policing

- Meet your beat officer and area captain
- Ceasefire & Community Policing
- Update on the Wasserman Report: *get involved* in the Citywide Public Safety Plan
 - New Cadet to Police Pipeline/Initiative



How We Can Work With Our Schools

- Truancy
- High School Graduation
- Focused Employment Programs
- Mentoring & Volunteering



How We Can Improve Employment Opportunities

- Job availability
- Schools to Jobs pipeline
- West Oakland Job Resource Center
 - Workforce Investment Board
- Work for formerly incarcerated individuals
 - The Port of Oakland



Saturday, June 14th
North Oakland Senior Center
5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
10am to 12:30pm

Free Childcare Provided/ Habra Cuidado de niños gratis

This town hall meeting is open to all members of our community, regardless of which Police Area you reside or work in. Please refrain from wearing scented products to these meetings. All locations are wheelchair accessible.

Not sure what Police District you live or work in?

A map of Oakland's police districts, beats and Council districts can be reviewed at www.oaklandpolice.com/cdpdbeats



To request interpretation services in other languages, please contact Silvia San Miguel, at least five days prior to the meeting date, at (510) 238-6448 or ssanmiguel@oaklandnet.com.

To request a sign language interpreter or any other disability accommodation, please contact Joe DeVries, Neighborhood Services Supervisor, at (510) 238-3083 or jdevries@oaklandnet.com.



Love Our Neighborhood Day in North Oakland – July 12th

When: Saturday, July 12th, 11am – 3pm

Where: San Pablo Avenue & Doyle Street from 55th through 65th Streets

We are excited to announce the first ever Love Our Neighborhood Day in North Oakland, Saturday, July 12th. Special thanks to Walk Oakland Bike Oakland (WOBO) and the working group of residents and merchants in the Golden Gate neighborhood for making this a reality.

COME OUT AND PLAY

IN THE STREETS OF
NORTH OAKLAND & EMERYVILLE

SATURDAY, JULY 12 FROM 11 AM TO 3 PM.

SAN PABLO AVENUE PLUS 55TH, DOYLE,
AND 65TH STREETS WILL BECOME
A CIRCLE OF HUMAN-POWERED FUN!

— HELP US MAKE IT HAPPEN —




JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

DONATE

SPONSOR AN ACTIVITY ALONG THE ROUTE

INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS

VOLUNTEER TO HELP
KEEP THE STREETS SAFE DURING THE EVENT

FOLLOW  LOVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD DAY
 @LOVEOURHOOD
 LOVE OUR HOOD

EMAIL OAKLAVIAWITHOUTBORDERS@GMAIL.COM

More [information](#) is available on the facebook page here.

Feel the Beet! Farmers Market Grand Opening – June 14th

When: Saturday, June 14th, 9:30am – 2:30pm

Where: Grace Ave. at Lowell St.

Join Phat Beets Produce on the Grand Opening day and support farmers, vendors and programs!! There will be music, bouncy house for the kids, and special surprises.

weekly workshops, local produce, youth businesses, food justice!

FEEL THE 'BEET!' FARMERS' MARKET

**STARTING
JUNE 14TH**

Your Saturday Community Market
Golden Gate District, North Oakland
On Grace St @ Lowell St.
9:30-2:30pm Year Round
We Accept EBT/WIC/Rx Veggies
in partnership w/Destiny Arts
1st Saturday Crop Swaps



**Apply to sell at : www.phatbeetsproduce.org, 510-250-7957
market@phatbeetsproduce.org**



More information could be found [here](#)

Looking forward to seeing you this summer!

Dan

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