



Greetings. Happy to share with you my spring City Council newsletter. I've been working on urgent local matters while closely monitoring our state budget process, which can have a

significant impact on Oakland and most East Bay cities.

I'm continuing to work on our local and regional challenges with our homeless population and the need for more affordable housing, as well vital on-going public safety concerns, funding for our libraries, and protecting the health of our environment.

### [District Court Judge Rules Against City of Oakland on Coal](#)

Statement by **Dan Kalb**, Oakland City Councilmember, on Judge Chhabria's U.S. District Court judgement on *Oakland Bulk & Oversized Terminal (OBOT) v. City of Oakland*:

"As author of the legislation (w/ Mayor Schaaf) banning the storage and handling of coal in Oakland, I am appalled at the decision issued by U.S. District Judge Vince Chhabria in *OBOT v. City of Oakland*. There is no doubt that the scientific evidence shows there are substantial safety risks and health impacts of handling and moving nine million tons of dirty coal each and every year into and out of Oakland."

"The residents and workers of Oakland and nearby communities should not and cannot afford to be subjected to any more environmental hazards, including those created by coal dust. I will do everything in my power to stand against attacks on the health and safety of our East Bay communities. The City should do whatever it takes within the law to make sure this coal terminal never gets built. This is critical to protecting our residents, our workers, and our planet."

### [Library Services Parcel Tax \(Measure D\) approved by City Council for the June Ballot](#)

Public libraries are more than just wonderful books. They are the great equalizers in our society. Maintaining and expanding library access for the Oakland public, especially our youth, is an obvious necessity. With Oakland Public Library services having seen significant reductions since the great recession, Dan has repeatedly pushed for increased funding for the Oakland Public Library system since he assumed office in January 2013.

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the City Council unanimously approved a parcel tax (Measure D) for the June ballot to protect and improve Library services. If approved by voters, revenue from the new assessment will be spent on protecting and expanding library services for our residents.



*Dan with Mayor Schaaf and Councilmember Guillen celebrating the grand opening of the Library's state-of-the-art Mobile Outreach Vehicle, which allows for expanded Library reach to underserved youth. This was funded by a budget item that Dan had pushed for nearly three years ago.*

### [Homelessness in Oakland](#)

Every two years communities across the country conduct comprehensive counts of the local homeless populations in order to measure the prevalence of homelessness. The 2017 Alameda County Point-in-Time Count found 2,761 homeless people in Oakland with 850 being sheltered and 1,902 unsheltered (on streets or places not meant for habitation).

We are facing unprecedented crisis where cities are struggling to provide much needed housing and services to some of our residents. This problem did not start here, but we are certainly working to minimize it in our City.

The City is pursuing a variety of short, medium, and long-term strategies to reduce homelessness. To address the issue immediately, Oakland created the cross departmental Encampment Management Team to work with individual encampments; this group has been busy nearly every day, including providing garbage cans, access to health and hygiene facilities and, in some cases, closing encampments that have gotten out of hand. As part of the City's longer term solutions, a second Outdoor Navigation Center or 'Tuff Shed' community was recently opened on 27<sup>th</sup> Street & Northgate Ave; this center will offer immediate shelter to 40 individuals, targeted resources, and access to the coordinated entry system with the goal of permanent housing.

My fellow Councilmembers and I have pushed for increases of funding for solutions to homelessness with \$18.5 million being allocated for fiscal year 2017/2018. Ultimately the goal of any program seeking to end homelessness is affordable housing, something I have been particularly passionate about during my time on Council. Every month, more affordable units are being planned, built and housing displaced residents of Oakland. The County of Alameda is also stepping up its efforts.

This has been a short summary of some of the work the City of Oakland is doing to address homelessness in our community. On Monday evening, May 21<sup>st</sup>, I will be hosting a town hall with public officials and subject matter experts on homelessness, please see the flyer below for more information on this event.



District One Town Hall  
**Homelessness**  
What Do We Know  
And  
What Are We Doing

Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM  
Peralta Elementary School  
460 63rd Street, Oakland

With:

Acting Manager of Community Housing Services within the Oakland Human Service Department **Lara Tannenbaum**,  
Executive Director of East Oakland Community Project **Wendy Jackson**,  
Assistant to the City Administrator **Joe DeVries**,  
Executive Director of EveryOne Home **Elaine De Coligny**  
Senior Staff from **Operation Dignity**

Over the course of this event, you will have the opportunity to learn more about the homelessness crisis in Oakland, hear how the City is addressing this issue and discuss the problem with experts.

Please contact Cooper Nordquist at [cnordquist@oaklandca.gov](mailto:cnordquist@oaklandca.gov) or 510-238-3557 if you have any questions.

### Legislative Update:

#### **Helping Oakland Renters – Tenant Move Out Agreement Ordinance**

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Oakland City Council approved the Tenant Move Out Agreement Ordinance, introduced by City Attorney Barbara Parker and Councilmembers Abel Guillén and Dan Kalb. This ordinance requires property owners to notify tenants in writing about their rights when property owners want them to move out. It also provides tenants with a period of time to rescind a move out agreement before they move out.

In Oakland's high rental market, some tenants have been pressured into bad move-out deals by landlords who want to jack the rent up sky high. The Tenant Move Out ordinance increases transparency and fairness around move-out negotiations between tenants and landlords and will aid the City's regulatory efforts accordingly.

#### **Protecting our Environment – Ban on Single Use Plastic Straws**

Plastic is difficult to recycle, most of it ends up getting thrown away or littered, and most of the plastics derived from crude oil refining or natural gas processing are not biodegradable. As landfill or littered plastic breaks down over many years into tiny particles, it releases toxic chemicals. Much of plastic ultimately ends up in our oceans, harming marine life, poisoning our seafood, and forming huge, growing masses of floating trash, such as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Single use plastic also contributes to the problem of illegal dumping in Oakland.

The Oakland City Council unanimously approved the Single-Use Plastic Straws Ordinance, introduced by Councilmembers Abel Guillén and Dan Kalb. The ordinance will prohibit the use of single-use plastic straws in Oakland's dine-in restaurants, bars, and other food establishments, except upon customer request.

This law will further the goals of Oakland's Zero Waste Strategic Plan. Similar to Oakland's ban on plastic bags adopted in 2007, this ordinance also represents Oakland's latest effort to curb the use of single-use plastics that harm our environment. Oakland is proud to join the movement around the world to restrict production and use of all single-use plastics.

### Welcome New Staff in Councilmember Kalb's Office

We are excited to announce that, this spring, our new Community Service Coordinators, **Meena Sandhu** and **Cooper Nordquist**, joined the team. Meena and Cooper are working primarily on constituent service.

#### Meena Sandhu



Meena is an Oakland native and attorney. She earned a Bachelor of Science with Honors from the University of California, Davis and her Juris Doctorate from Golden Gate University, School of Law. Prior to joining our office, Meena worked at the Oakland City Attorney's Office as a litigator in the Advisory Division. During her tenure as a Neighborhood Law Corps Attorney, she drafted ordinances, researched specific areas of municipal law, filed public nuisance complaints on behalf of the City of Oakland, and routinely attended Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council and Merchant Watch meetings. Meena's legal expertise includes municipal law, nuisance abatement, code enforcement, real estate, land-use, zoning, and landlord-tenant laws.

#### Cooper Nordquist



Cooper has had a variety of political, nonprofit and government experience throughout his life. While pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from American University at night, Cooper broadened his professional horizons interning in two Congressional offices, AARP, Revolution Messaging, the Democratic Governors Association and several other organizations. After earning his degree, Cooper moved back to his home state of Pennsylvania (PA) where he served as the Director of Operations at the PA House Democratic Campaign Committee. After this position, he served as the Chief of Staff to PA State Representative Maureen Madden during her first term before moving to Oakland. An avid supporter of empowering underrepresented communities, Cooper founded the Monroe County

Young Democrats in his home county to give a larger political voice to young people. If Cooper isn't out advocating for District 1 or Oakland as a whole, he can often be found on the rugby pitch.

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Other issue areas: Homelessness, Education

**Oliver Luby** is now the D-1 Chief of Staff, and **Olga Bolotina** is Councilmember Kalb's part-time Special Advisor on key issues and projects.

#### East Bay Community Energy

We are excited to share with you that East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) is our new electricity provider for residents and businesses throughout most of Alameda County. EBCE provides an opportunity for a local decision-making on where your electricity comes from and will lead to a cleaner and more affordable portfolio.

Councilmember Kalb played a significant role in getting us to this point. He now serves as the vice-chair of EBCE and represents Oakland on the board, which makes the decisions about rates and what type of power EBCE provides to the community.

Commercial customers will be automatically enrolled into EBCE program beginning June 2018. Residential customers will start receiving service in November 2018. Please note state law dictates that customers be automatically enrolled. You can opt out at any time, but why would you. Check out your options and the full terms and conditions of service at [www.ebce.org/terms](http://www.ebce.org/terms).

## Telegraph Repaving

The City of Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) will repave Telegraph Avenue from 46<sup>th</sup> Street to 51<sup>st</sup> Street in the Spring 2019.

After multiple meetings between Councilmember Kalb and the Department of Transportation (OakDOT), coupled with community pressure organized by the Temescal-Telegraph Business Improvement District, Telegraph Avenue—from 45<sup>th</sup> street to 51<sup>st</sup> street—is now on the schedule for re-paving expected to be completed in the Spring of 2019.

As you may remember, the Telegraph Avenue Complete Street Project was divided into two phases. Phase 1 resurfaced Telegraph from the KONO neighborhood through 40<sup>th</sup> Street. Phase 2, which includes 40<sup>th</sup> Street to the Highway 24 underpass, had been stalled. The good news is now that OakDOT will initiate a six-month process shortly to identify a preferred re-design for Telegraph Avenue in Temescal. Their goal is to work with the Telegraph-Temescal Business Improvement District, local residents and merchants, community groups, and partners at AC Transit.

To sign-up for updates, please [use this link](#). For more details on the Telegraph Avenue Complete Streets Project, please [click here](#).

## District 1 – May and June 2018 Events

### Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – Food Distribution for Low Income families and seniors

**When:** Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Low income families and seniors are encouraged to call the food pantry in their district to check for distribution times.

**Where:** Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Ave

**Cost:** FREE

The City of Oakland Hunger Program of the Human Services Department (HSD) & the Emergency Food Providers Advisory Committee (EFPAC) are sponsoring a food distribution for low income families and seniors. To be eligible, families must reside in one of the 7 Community Development Districts in the City of Oakland. Proof of residence in the CD district of distribution is required. (Proof of residence includes California Driver's License, Military ID card, welfare or food stamps ID, utility bills or other mail). Food is given out on the specified date only, on a first come, first served basis. For information on hunger and homeless services, call the City of Oakland, Department of Human Services, Hunger and Homeless Program at (510) 986-2721.

### Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> – Strive, Survive, Succeed: College Prep Workshop

**When:** Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

**Where:** Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Ave

**Cost:** FREE

Join advisers from Strive Survive Succeed for its valuable and popular college prep workshop, reviewing topics such as leadership, transitioning from high school to college, college planning, and so much more. Students will be empowered for academic success and gain critical insights on the college admissions process and what to expect from the college experience.

The workshop is designed for teens, grades 7-12 in school. *Lunch will be provided at no charge.*

For more information please [click here](#).

### Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Start and run a small business: An Operation Hope Workshop

**When:** Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm

**Where:** Temescal Branch Library, 5205 Telegraph Ave

**Cost:** FREE

Financial Well-being & Small Business Coach Manuel Del Valle, Jr. of Operation Hope will host a workshop on how to start and run a profitable small business and enter the world of entrepreneurship. Bring your ideas and find out how to earn a living as your very own boss.

For more information please [click here](#).

### Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Beat 10Y (Santa Fe - Longfellow) Neighborhood Council

**When:** Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm

**Where:** Glenview - Santa Fe Elementary School, 915 54th Street, Oakland

**Cost:** FREE

This event will feature a special guest speaker from Youth Alive.

### Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Project Peace Day of Service

**When:** Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 am

**Where:** Emerson Elementary, 4803 Lawton Ave & Oakland International High School, 4521 Webster St

**Cost:** FREE

The Day of Service connects local faith-based groups and community members to East Bay social service providers, tackling their needs to support the work they do in education, homelessness, youth development, and more. Volunteers choose a local community site and contribute "sweat equity" - working with their hands, heart, and sweat - to meet the site's needs.

Emerson Elementary volunteers will be helping PTA and staff with general maintenance, classroom organization, and cleaning projects. There will also be IKEA bookshelf assembling, setting up sun sails for shade, and book leveling.

Oakland International HS volunteers will be helping PTA and staff with general maintenance, classroom organization, gardening, and cleaning projects.

For more information and to volunteer, please [click here](#).

### [Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Summer Reading Kickoff and Insect Discovery Lab](#)

**When:** Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am – 5:30 pm

**Where:** Golden Gate Branch Library, 5606 San Pablo Ave

**Cost:** FREE

The Golden Gate Library invites you to kick off summer reading by exploring the fantastic lives of beetles, millipedes, tarantulas, and more with the Insect Discovery Lab!

There will also be insect-themed crafts and prizes for signing up for summer reading. Come start your summer with the Library!

For more information please [click here](#).

### [Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Temescal Street Fair](#)

**When:** Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Where:** Telegraph Ave, between 41<sup>st</sup> & 51<sup>st</sup> Streets

**Cost:** FREE

Join in for live music on three stages, great food from popular Temescal eateries and mobile food vendors, craft beer, and scores of artisans at Temescal's FREE annual Festival!

You'll see amazing tricks at the Kinetic Arts Center Circus Stage, visit business and community booths, listen to amazing local music, and let the kids go wild at the Fun Zone and Carnival rides. Free Valet Bike parking, a block from MacArthur BART.

For more information please [click here](#).

### [Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Bike Commuting Basics](#)

**When:** Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Where:** Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Ave

**Cost:** FREE

This indoor, 1-hour class is made possible via funding from Alameda CTC. For adults and teens, no bike required.

Bicycling to shopping, transit, or work is a great way to save money, stay fit, and help the environment all in one! At this workshop you'll learn how to outfit your bike, adjust a helmet, avoid common crashes, get a green light at traffic signals, and have more fun on every bike trip

For more information and purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

### [Sundays, in May and June – Rockridge Neighborhood Heritage Food Tour](#)

**When:** May 20th & 27th and June 10th & 24th, 11:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Where:** Starting point is in Rockridge at the Safeway Plaza Courtyard, 6310 College Avenue

**Cost:** \$80

Unleash your inner foodie during the Rockridge Neighborhood Heritage & Walking Food Tour! During this three-hour long guided walking tour you will hear about the area's rich history and explore its fast-growing dining culture—all while enjoying some seriously delicious samplings along the way!

For more information and purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

[Dan in the community](#)





*Dan honoring Ms. Megan Low as part of Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month for her work as director of Arts for Oakland Kids, and for her leadership on public school issues with the Santa Fe Community Association and Neighbors (Santa Fe CAN)*



*Dan joining with graduate students at the East Bay March for Science in April to defend science. Dan spoke at the rally touting the need to stand firm against those in our country who attack science and deny the reality of climate change.*



*Dan at the ribbon-cutting of the new UCSF Children's Hospital Oakland Outpatient Center in North Oakland. While Dan often touts the high quality of care from Children's Hospital doctors, nurses and medical staff, he has expressed concern that UCSF may be pulling back on its commitment to certain programs and services that serve struggling populations in our region.*



*Dan honoring Mrs. Tiffany E. Grant King as part of Black History and Heritage Month for her volunteer work at Memorial Tabernacle Church in North Oakland, where she spearheads many educational community programs and family activities.*

Councilmember Kalb and the [District One](#) team

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