



# Dan's January Newsletter

Greetings Neighbor,

I want to wish everyone a happy New Years! Going into this year is bittersweet for me as this will be my last year on the Oakland City Council. For the past 11 years it has been an honor to serve the people of District 1 and our entire city.

During that time, I have passed legislation to improve public safety by banning ghost guns and the parts that make them, worked with a coalition to create the Oakland Police Commission, prioritized funding for investigations of serious and violent crimes, and more. I have fought for affordable housing and tenant rights by authoring the Tenant Protection Ordinance, and creating below market rate housing by earmarking tens of millions of dollars to Oakland's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. I've worked tirelessly to protect our environment and take local action on climate by leading efforts to ban the storage and handling of coal in Oakland, passing a law requiring new buildings to be build green and all-electric, and authored the reusable foodware ordinance this last year that reduces litter and bans plastic food ware.

There are many more policies that I am proud of in Oakland, but I also understand that there is still more to do. 2023 was a challenging year in Oakland, especially as it relates to public safety. In September, my colleagues on the Council passed a [public safety resolution](#) that I wrote calling for fixes (including a dispatcher retention plan) to our 911 system, moves forward a possible lateral police academy, authorizes security cameras on on-ramps and a grant program for retail businesses to acquire cameras, facilitates additional FBI investigators to assist OPD, requires the creation of a permanent walking beat officer plan along with a plan for neighborhood ambassadors, and more to address our safety challenges. This next year I will look at additional pieces of legislation that can help us address the issues of violent crime and the high volume of property crime we see in our city.

Thank you to my staff and my colleagues on the Council for their hard work and collaboration.

Best,  
**Dan**

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## In Memory of Officer Tuang Le

Before the new year, we learned of the death of Oakland Police Officer Tuan Le killed in the line of duty responding to a burglary in the 400 block of Embarcadero. I offer my deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the family, close friends, and hundreds of fellow OPD colleagues of the officer who tragically had his life taken away last week.

The death of a police officer is a profound loss, not only to their immediate community, but to Oakland as a whole. In the face of danger and adversity, these officers courageously put themselves on the front lines to protect and serve, embodying the values of duty and sacrifice. In this difficult time, may the memories of his service and the support of the community provide some solace to those who are grieving this tragic loss. My staff and I express our gratitude for the officer's unwavering commitment to the principles of justice and service, and offer our deep condolences to all who are affected by this loss. As with any senseless loss of life within our city, OPD is investigating. This week, we learned OPD has made arrests in this case.

## MLK Day of Service Blood Drive



**“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is:  
what are you doing for others?”**

*-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## **OAKLAND/Berkeley/Piedmont/Emeryville MLK Day of Service BLOOD DRIVE**

***Sponsored by Councilmember DAN KALB***

**American Red Cross Blood Donation Center  
5450 College Ave., Oakland 94618**

**Monday, January 15, 2024  
12:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

To schedule your appointment, or for  
more information, visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)  
and enter zip code: **94618** or **scan the QR Code**



Scan to schedule an  
appointment

If you have questions regarding your eligibility to donate blood, please call  
**1-866-236-3276.**



**Schedule your blood donation appointment today!**

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Join me this year for the MLK Day of Service. I will be donating blood again and encourage you, if you are eligible, to join me in this important service. Please feel free to reach out to my office with any questions about this, and we are happy to help you however we can.

Monday, Jan. 15 • 12:45 - 5:00pm • Red Cross Blood Center (5450 College Ave.)

Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to sign up.

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## Point in Time Homeless Count

The 2024 Point in Time Count (PIT) is less than a month away. We are looking for your help to help support Oakland's homeless population to volunteer with us on January 25, 2024, as we go out into the community and conduct our bi-annual PIT count in partnership with Alameda County. This count helps us understand the need here in our city and determines how larger government entities fund the City to address homelessness.

"The Point in Time Homeless Count is not just a statistic; it's a powerful compass guiding us towards awareness, compassion, and real solutions," said **LaTonda Simmons, Assistant City Administrator**. "We are grateful to the community for stepping up to assist in this important effort."

We need your help in the following ways:

**Individuals:** Bring your compassion and commitment to make a difference.

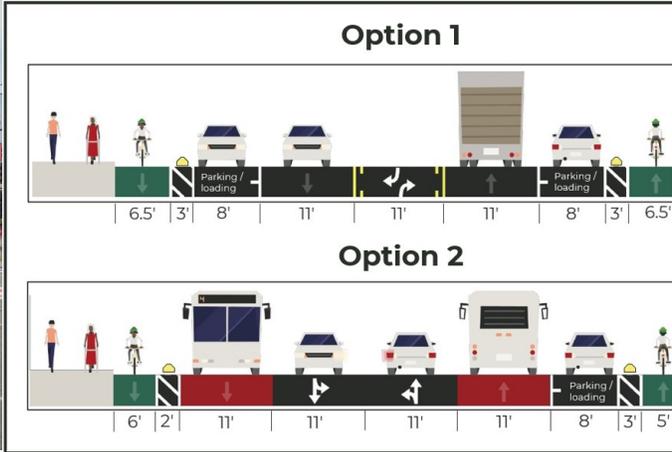
**Private Sector:** Show your corporate social responsibility by encouraging employee participation.

**Community Organizations:** Collaborate with us to strengthen our community's response to homelessness.

**SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE:** <https://alameda24.pointintime.info>. Make sure to select "OAKLAND" for your service location.

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## Telegraph Avenue Paving Project



Do you travel on Telegraph Avenue between 52nd Street and Woolsey? If so, the Department of Transportation wants to hear from you! Take the [Upper Telegraph Project Survey](#) (open until January 31) to share your feedback on the project, which will include separated bike lanes, pedestrian safety improvements, bus boarding islands, and possibly bus-only lanes. The City is considering two different designs for the street, and they want to know which design you would choose. You can also learn about the project at the following events: 1) **January 7: Temescal Farmer's Market**, 9am-1pm; and 2) **January 17: Upper Telegraph Open House** at the Temescal Library, 5pm-7pm. To receive project updates, sign up [here](#). For more information, contact [telegraph@oaklandca.gov](mailto:telegraph@oaklandca.gov) or visit the [project webpage](#).

## New Library Branch for Piedmont Avenue

**01/23** **SHAPE THE FUTURE**  
**OF YOUR NEW LIBRARY >>>**

A brand new library is being designed in the heart of our thriving community, & we want **YOUR** input to help shape it!

**Date/Time: In-person: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 @ 6:00pm-7:30pm (food will be provided)**

**Via Zoom: 7:45pm-8:45pm**

**Location: Piedmont Avenue Elementary Multi-Purpose Room**

**4314 Piedmont Avenue**

**Attendees can [REGISTER HERE](#)**

**People can also call 510-761-5708 to leave their input**

**HOW TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS**

**>> ONLINE**



FILL OUT OUR QUICK ONLINE FORM

SEND A VIDEO CLIP VIA THE ONLINE FORM

**>> PHONE**

CALL (510) 761-5708 TO LEAVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS + IDEAS

**>> JOIN US!**

AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING  
*Food will be provided for in-person attendees!*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**COMMUNITY MEETING**

**TUESDAY JANUARY 23**

**PIEDMONT AVENUE ELEMENTARY**  
 MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
 4314 PIEDMONT AVE

**6-7:30 PM**  
 OR JOIN ONLINE FROM 7:45 - 8:45 PM

**REGISTER BELOW**



**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**  
**REGISTER: [HTTPS://RB.GY/8VJZAT](https://rb.gy/8vjzat)**

## Mosswood Park Survey

I write to ask that you please assist the Mosswood RAC in publicizing the survey below to District 1 residents to help us find out how the historic Moss House at Mosswood Park can be renovated to meet community needs. [Moss House Future](#)

[Use Survey](#). Your feedback and comments are most important for the development of future communities.

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## I-Bond Committee Vacancies



*“The City of Oakland’s **AFFORDABLE HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE (I-BOND) PUBLIC OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (I-Bond)** is seeking Committee members! The I-Bond Committee is a Citizen’s Oversight committee that meets quarterly to review and evaluate the impacts and outcomes of Measure KK and Measure U Bond expenditures in Oakland. Committee Members will hear program and project updates from the Departments of Housing and Community Development, Transportation and Public Works on how they have used funds to **improve our Streets and Roads, City Facilities, and Affordable Housing Projects.**”*

*Members must be residents and/or work in the City of Oakland and must serve a full three year term.*

Please also keep these vacancies in mind when networking and mingling with the community during the holidays, as it may be an excellent opportunity to discuss issues the City’s bonds are paying for. For more information on Measure KK,

Measure U and I-Bond committee, see below. Please feel free to reach out to me with any additional questions you may have.

[City of Oakland | Affordable Housing & Infrastructure \(I-BOND\) Public...](https://oaklandca.gov/affordable-housing-infrastructure-i-bond)  
(oaklandca.gov)

[City of Oakland | Measure U: 2022 Affordable Housing Infrastructure...](https://oaklandca.gov/measure-u-2022-affordable-housing-infrastructure)  
(oaklandca.gov)

[City of Oakland | Measure KK at Work! Oakland's 2016 Affordable...](https://oaklandca.gov/measure-kk-at-work-oakland-2016-affordable-housing)  
(oaklandca.gov)

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## Oakland Roots Town Hall



On behalf of the Oakland Roots and Oakland Soul, you are invited to be our guests at a community Town Hall meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 10 am - 2 pm at Cypress Mandela Training Center, 977 66th Avenue in Oakland.

The Town Hall meeting will give us the opportunity to interface with our East Oakland neighbors and stakeholders, share information about the interim stadium design and operations we are proposing to build at the Malibu Lot near the Oakland Coliseum, hear your feedback, and share our ongoing commitment to building and growing in East Oakland.

Some of our partners will also be present, including Street Soccer USA and Soccer without Borders. Mandela Cypress will also be present to share information about their upcoming

pre- apprenticeship training program. And fabulous food from Bakery el Sol will be highlighted.

Information about the event is attached, and you can rsvp [HERE](#). We hope to see you on January 13th!

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## Oakland Heritage Alliance Partners in Preservation Award

I am happy to share that the **Oakland Field of Dreams** (OFOD) is the recipient of the Oakland Heritage Alliance Partners in Preservation Award. The Oakland Field of Dreams is focused on the promotion of Youth Baseball in Oakland by maintaining Rickey Henderson Field (RHF) as a pristine, inner city baseball complex. OFOD manages, maintains, and improves Rickey Henderson Field for Oakland Tech and for OUSD. Located adjacent to Oakland International High School in the Temescal neighborhood.

Certificates were awarded to: Rickey Henderson Field (Oakland Field of Dreams), Philip Williams (President-OFOD), Paul Mankin (Chairman-OFOD), Erik Housh (Secretary-OFOD), Francisco Navarro (OUSD), Leonardo Valle (Grounds Expert-OFOD), Patricia Williams (Cheerleader-OFOD).

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## City Boards and Commissions

There are periodic vacancies among the City's numerous boards and commissions. To fill these vacancies quickly, we need a pool of applicants that can be vetted for these seats as they become available. Most positions are filled by the Mayor, but some are filled directly by each Councilmember.

Please visit this website for information about the City's boards and commission and their vacancies: <https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6681>.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions regarding these opportunities. If you are a District 1 resident and decide to apply for a city board/commission, please let Councilmember Kalb know. He may be able to provide a recommendation on your behalf.

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## Dan's Community Office Hours

Dan continues to hold monthly **Community Office Hours** to hear directly from residents about their neighborhood or citywide concerns. He enjoys connecting with District 1 residents -- currently via phone due to Covid safety protocols -- and looks forward to doing these in person in the near future.

Please contact Keara O'Doherty ([kodoherty@oaklandca.gov](mailto:kodoherty@oaklandca.gov) or 510.238.7014) if you'd like to sign up to speak directly with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month -- next ones are February 3rd and March 9th.



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## City of Oakland is Hiring!

While some city positions are being frozen at many city departments to help balance the budget, there is still hiring going on to fill certain vacancies. From Parks and Recreation to Economic Workforce Development, the City of Oakland has selected job opportunities available. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

**Apply to be a 911 dispatcher.** This person must have excellent communication skills and work well in a high-stress and fast-paced environment. More [here](#). This is a key public safety position in our city. **Please spread the word that we are training and hiring 911 dispatchers.**

**Apply to work on our Community Homeless Services Team.** This person will **lead and** design the implementation of emergency crisis response strategies and support program implementation. More [here](#).

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## Dan in the Community



Dan at Piedmont Place, formerly a motel in the Piedmont Ave neighborhood, that has successfully been converted by the city into homeless housing.

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## Contacts

### **Oakland**

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**Alameda County Social Services and Referral** - Call 211 - <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>

**Dan Kalb's D1 Council Office** - 510-238-7001

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

**OPD Non-emergencies** - 510-777-3333

**Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline** - (510) 238-7283 ([recycling@oaklandca.gov](mailto: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>