

# **Dan's June Newsletter**

Greetings Neighbor,

These upcoming months will be crucial for the future of Oakland. We have heard in multiple presentations from the City Administration and Finance Department that Oakland is facing a significant budget shortfall this year on top of the one we had already seen last year.

We want to do everything we can to protect the vital services that are crucial to Oakland residents. I want to hear from you on what is most important to our communities to protect in the budget. Please feel free to reach out to me with any comments, concerns, suggestions or on anything else related to the city budget and I will take those all into consideration when advocating for budget priorities.

Despite these budget shortfalls I am continuing to work on affordable housing opportunities and short and long-term solutions to our homelessness crisis, as well as vital public safety and environmental justice efforts.

Best always, **Dan** 

## **Oakland Midcycle Budget**

As you probably know, we are required by law to have a balanced budget that ensures our "revenues" (the amount of money the City brings in) are equal to or greater than our "expenditures" (the amount of money the City spends to deliver local services). While other cities and government agencies may have different cycles, Oakland approves a budget every two fiscal years. A mid-cycle update to the Biennial Budget must be adopted by June 30 of the first year of the Budget when City Council affirms the second year of the budget. The budget currently under consideration is the Mid-cycle Budget that runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

There exists a considerable immediate deficit in the General Purpose Fund (GPF) and some other funds that must be resolved this current budget cycle. There also exists a meaningful structural deficit across many of the City's fund sources. As such, our focus must be on immediate, near-term and if possible, longer-term solutions. Achieving a balanced budget necessitates a focused and collaborative effort to address the City's structural deficit.

The General Purpose Fund is facing a shortfall in the FY 2024-25 Midcycle Budget of more than \$120,000,000.

For more information there are resources available to the pulbic on the <u>Finance</u> <u>Department's site</u> such as: <u>A full informational report</u>, <u>answers to</u> <u>councilmember questions on the budget</u>.

Additional Budget information can be found here. Send your comments to my office using this email address: kodoherty@oaklandca.gov.

### **District 1's Newest Staff Member**



I want to introduce everyone to my office's newest staff members **Ashlee Jemmott**. Ashlee has dedicated over 11 years of her work to youth development, social justice, and creating positive behavioral health strategies, offering crucial resources, assistance, and guidance to young individuals navigating multiple systems. She holds a Master of Business Administration from the Lorry I. Lokey Graduate School of Business at Mills College in Oakland, California.

Ashlee is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and has the honor of serving on the Alameda County Mental Health Advisory Board and the Budgetary Stakeholders Advisory Committee.

In her new role as the District 1 Community Liaison, Ashlee is eager to utilize her extensive professional experience and academic background to support the Councilmember on the Education Partnership, Public Safety, and Life Enrichment Committees. She is committed to serving the all the communities and constituents of District 1, with her assigned emphasis being the Adams Point, Temescal, Bushrod, and Mosswood neighborhoods.

Welcome Ashlee!

### Apply to Host a Clean Air Day Event!

## Host a Clean Air Day Event on 10/2/2024!

Clean Air Day engages Californians to work together to improve the quality of the air we breathe. We have the power to make a difference when we work together!

Community events are at the heart of Clean Air Day. Every year we see communities come together to learn about air quality, connect with each other and make tangible steps to improve air quality in California. Join the hundreds of organizations that have taken part in Clean Air Day by hosting an event this year!

When you submit your event it allows us to boost your event and get the word out!

CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR EVENT



### **Apply for a Microgrant**

If your group or organization could use extra support for your Clean Air Day event, apply for our microgrant program! Awards are available for up to \$1,000 to help cover the costs of your Clean Air Day event. Restrictions and requirements are included at the top of the application.

The application will be open May 6, 2024 - July 12, 2024.



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When it comes to air pollution, we can all do our part. Whether you're an individual, business, government agency or nonprofit organization, there are things we all can do to improve air quality and protect public health. In a state with some of the worst air pollution in the United States, it is imperative that we do.

California Clean Air Day is built on the idea that shared experiences unite people to action to improve our community health. By joining together for a unified day of action we can create new habits to clear the air for all members of California's diverse communities.

Funding of up to \$1,000 is available to make California Clean Air Day a success in your community. Please complete this grant application for potential funding for your local event or activity. To be eligible for funding, the local project must occurs on or within the seven days prior to California Clean Air Day on October 2, 2024. The local project must 1) raise awareness of Clean Air Day, 2) contribute to cleaning the air or encourage participants to take actions that will clean the air, and 3) successfully engage at least 100 participants/attendees.

If you would like to host an event and apply for a microgrant of up to \$1000 you can <u>apply here.</u>

### **Oakland Police Commission Applications**

### Accepting Applications for the Oakland Police Commission Now!

#### **Help Change OPD**

The Police Commission gives the community the power to change OPD. Police Commissioners are community members, not police officers or politicians.

We need you We need committed people to apply to be on the Police Commission.

The role of Police Commissioner is challenging and rewarding.

You must be over 18 and live in Oakland and cannot be a police officer or City employee.

You do not need to have a high school diploma or work history.

Formerly incarcerated individuals are encouraged to apply.

Candidates with all levels of experience are encouraged to apply.

#### **Get Involved**

To apply, go to www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission Applications are due June 14, 2024.

Learn More For more information, visit www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission You can watch videos of past meetings, find out about upcoming meetings, and read Oakland City Code, section 604 (the law that defines the Commission's powers and duties).

Questions? Please contact Felicia Verdin, City of Oakland at (510) 238-3128 or (510) 593-5616 or via email at fverdin@oaklandca.gov.



## Do you want to help oversee the Oakland Police Department?

Apply to be on the Police Commission, which is changing OPD policies and overseeing police discipline. It takes significant time in meetings, meeting prep, and committee work, but you can help bring fair and just policing to Oakland communities.

Commissioners must be over 18 and live in Oakland. They cannot be police officers or City employees. A high school diploma is not required, and formerly incarcerated people are encouraged to apply.

Applications are due by June 14, 2024.

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where you can also find more information about the Police Commission. You can watch videos of past meetings, find out about upcoming meetings, and learn about City Code Section 604, which describes the powers and responsibilities of the Police Commission.

**If you have any questions** please contact Felicia Verdin, via email at <u>fverdin@oaklandca.gov</u> or call 510-238-3128.

## UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Community Meeting

Over the next 10 years, UCSF BCH will invest over \$1 billion to modernize facilities, enhance care, and ensure the continuation of access for all patients regardless of their ability to pay at the Oakland campus. As part of our planning process, they would like to incorporate neighborhood feedback and ensure you remain up to date on activities.

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital (BCH) Oakland recently held a community meeting to learn about our campus modernization projects. They also introducing their new BCH President, Dr. Nicholas Holmes, along with updates on the New Hospital Building project and general campus construction.

Background info can be found here.

### **District 1 Mural Funding**

I'm excited to announce that my office has additional mural funding to distribute! I've been able to partially fund murals in various D1 locations including on Piedmont Ave., San Pablo Ave, Market St., Lowell St., and Claremont Ave., and I'm looking forward to funding more.

Grant applicants--grants are available up to \$11,000--may be a District 1 neighborhood organization, community-based organization, business association, or a combination thereof, or an individual artist or pair of artists working with a property owner in North Oakland.

<u>Click here</u> for more information on how to submit your work.

## Major BART construction beginning June 22-23 weekend between MacArthur Station and 19th Street Station



Beginning in late June, BART will begin a project in your district to replace 16 interlockings between MacArthur Station and 19th Street Station. Interlockings are a vital part of the BART system. They are segments of the railway that allow trains to safely move from line to line.

Work will occur between MacArthur and 19th Street BART stations one weekend a month, most months, through June 2026. Work in 2024 will occur on:

June 22-23 July 20-21 August 17-18 September 21-22 October 19-20 November 2-3

The only access point to the worksite is located on West MacArthur Blvd, under Highway 24, and the staging area will block access to the Good Samaritan Cathedral Church of God in Christ. We have reached out to the Church to offer them a project briefing. Traffic controls and lane closures will be implemented 24 hours a day during each weekend to facilitate the entry of materials and workers to the site.

Each interlocking replacement also requires substituting train service with bus service between Rockridge, MacArthur, and 19th Street Station. Riders can expect delays of up to 40 minutes between these stations and less frequent service systemwide on work weekends. This image shows where bus bridges will operate.

More information about the service impacts can be found in the passenger bulletin.

## **Cocktails for a Cause**

Community Kitchens invites you to join Oakland's inaugural <u>Cocktails for a Cause</u>, a community celebration and food security fundraiser! Throughout the month of June, over 25 participating bars and restaurants are offering special cocktails all month that showcase the best of Oakland's cocktail culture. Each time a guest buys one of these cocktails, \$1 is donated to Community Kitchens' free community meal program. Throughout June, these same bars will be offering other special events like whiskey tastings, mixology contests, bar crawls and good old-fashioned parties.

The month-long party can be navigated using Community Kitchens' new <u>Dining for</u> <u>Justice app</u>, a phone-based app that helps users find participating bars, events, and specials. Every time you check-in using the app, **Block will donate a free community meal!** Make your plans today to see old friends, share a drink and help raise funds to support food security in our community. **Stay thirsty, help end hunger!** 

Link: https://www.ckoakland.org/cocktails-for-a-cause

### **Get Involved in Oakland!**



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## GET INVOLVED, OAKLAND!

DO YOU WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNITY? THERE ARE CITY PROGRAMS THAT CAN HELP. SCAN THE QR CODES TO LEARN MORE!

### OAK311 (DOWNLOAD APP)



Request City Services: illegal dumping, graffiti, potholes, encampments, building maintenance, and urgent infrastructure issues.

311.oaklandca.gov

#### MACRO: MOBILE ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY RESPONDERS OF OAKLAND



MACRO is a community response program for nonviolent, non-emergency 911 calls to reduce responses by emergency services.

oaklandca.gov/macro

### ADOPT-A-SPOT



Adopt a public space in your neighborhood to regularly clean, green and beautify! Tools, supplies & resources provided.

oaklandca.gov/adopt-a-spot

### BULKY BLOCK PARTY



Join us on the last Saturday of every month\* to dispose of your unwanted household items for free! Residents only. Bring proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

oaklandca.gov/bulky-block

### NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DIVISION



In partnership with City Departments, meet neighbors and solve neighborhood issues while building a healthy & resilient community.

oaklandca.gov/neighborhood-services

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Free emergency preparedness & response training program. Available to individuals and groups.

oaklandca.gov/readyoakland

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE):



QUESTIONS: NSDADMIN@OAKLANDCA.GOV | 510-986-2715

There are so many great opportunities to get involved in your community. If you would like more information on the services that you can get involved with in Oakland follow any of these links:

<u>Oak311</u>

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Neighborhood Services

Adopt a Spot

Emergency Preparedness

### **Trash Falcons**



Trash Falcons are an Oakland based community building and neighborhood beautification project founded in 2020. Falcons meet every Sunday at 9am at 400 Perkins St rain-or-shine and clean up the Adams Point neighborhood, Lake Merritt, and Lakeside Park. The group is based around the ideas of stewardship, positivity, kindness, and leading by example. Learn more at <u>trashfalcons.org</u>, on Instagram @TrashFalcons, or by contacting co-founder Richard Shirk at <u>richardshirk2020@gmail.com</u>.

### **Town Nights Block Party**



Join us for Town Nights, a series of free community events hosted Friday evenings during the summer months. With a focus on preventing violence and fostering unity, Town Nights offers safe spaces for families, friends, and neighbors to come together and enjoy free food, music, games, and more. You can find more <u>here</u>.

## **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.

## **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 (<u>kodoherty@oaklandca.gov</u> or 510.238.7014) if you'd like to sign up to speak directly with Dan. Next one is July 27th.



### **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 key 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 <u>here</u>. 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 <u>here</u>.

## Dan in the Community







**Top Left**: Dan along with Mayor Thao and Councilmembers Bas and Reid celebrate the announcement of the Bay Area's newest professional basketball team, the WNBA Valkyries

**Top Right**: Dan and Councilmember Reid at Public Works Day, celebrating the hard work our Public Works Department and Transportation Department staff put into our city

**Middle Left:** Dan reading to young students at Sankofa Elementary Academy as part of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

**Middle Right:** Dan at the BTCA UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland Community Workforce Agreement Signing event

**Bottom:** Dan meeting with student advocates before the Public Works and Transportation Committee meeting.

### Contacts

#### Oakland

SeeClickFix Call 311- <u>https://seeclickfix.com/web\_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/re</u> port/location; https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311

Alameda County Social Services and Referral - Call 211 - http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1alameda-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

MACRO - (510) 446-2276 -- MACRO@oaklandca.gov

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