



**CITY OF OAKLAND MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON AGING  
(MCOA)**

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In Person

Downtown Oakland Senior Center  
200 Grand Ave, Oakland, CA 94610







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*Issues that the public wishes to address that **are not** published on the agenda will be heard during the Public Forum section.*

**AGENDA**

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Approval of April 3, 2024, June 5, 2024, and July 3, 2024 MCOA Minutes
5. Public Comment (Specific Agenda Items, limit of two minutes)
6. Age Well in Oakland: 5 Year Strategic Action Plan Kick-Off
  - Welcome Remarks: Oakland City Council Member Carroll Fife
  - 5-Year Plan Project Overview: Ana Bagtas
  - Continuity with Age-Friendly Oakland: Lenore McDonald Gunst and Blake Spears
  - Feedback/questions from the public
7. Presentation: City of Oakland Department of Transportation - *Josh Rowan, Director*
8. Advocacy Updates – *Chair Lenore Gunst*
9. Health & Human Services/Adult & Aging Services Updates
10. Open Forum (Limit of two minutes)
11. Closing Remarks & Adjournment

**NOTE: THE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

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**Wednesday, April 3, 2024  
Held In Person at the East  
Oakland Senior Center 9255  
Edes Ave. Oakland, CA  
94603**

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Scott Means started this meeting by giving a brief/formal introduction, and statement about proper procedures for this meeting. This meeting was one of our first meetings in the community. Scott stated there are times when public comment should be made, audience members should not shout out while the commission is in the middle of agenda items. Asking them to wait until appropriate times, and to submit a speaker card.

Chair Gunst called the meeting to order at 10:15a.m. The meeting was held in person at the East Oakland Senior Center.

### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** Lenore Gunst, Blake Spears, Tydia Hill, Ristina Ingram, Jennifer Seibert, Bob Scott, Jacqueline Johnson, Lisa Malul

**Absent:**

**Absent Excused:** Asha Beene-Clarke, Suzi Kalmus

**Late:**

*A quorum was established.*

**Staff:** Marshay Boyd (Admin Assistant), Melissa Francisco (Executive Assistant)

### 3. Adoption of Agenda

Chair Gunst gave a welcoming speech, shouting out all the amazing people/organizations who attended this meeting and help put this meeting together for the community.

The agenda was approved with two modifications. Move the Approval of past minutes items 4 & 5 on the agenda to the MCOA's next meeting Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Motion: Jennifer Seibert/Motion carried unanimously

### 4. Defer Approval of May 3, June 7, July 5, September 6, November 1, December 6, 2023 MCOA Draft Minutes



Deferred to next meeting Wednesday, May 1.

Motion: No motion at this time

**5. Approval of the February 7, 2024 and March 6, 2024 MCOA Draft Minutes (Handouts)**

Deferred to next meeting Wednesday, May 1.

**6. Public Comment (Specific Agenda Items, limit of two minutes)**

Chair Gunst opened this agenda item up to the public for everyone who submitted a speaker card to line up by the podium to speak. There were multiple speakers, Marshay Boyd managed the speaker cards and speakers, while also keeping track of time.

- Glenna Hamilton – Concerned about the littering in Oakland, wondering if the City of Oakland is looking at cameras to see who is littering/what can be done about it.
- Anwar (Chair for Commission on persons with disabilities) – Gave a brief update on what his commission has been doing, with a special interest on the speeding and traffic violence in Oakland.
- Annie Harpell – Resident of the Brookfield area, concerned about a letter received from The City of Oakland about reconstructing some of the streets in that area. It mentions the residents making sure their sewer lines were up to code. Residents don't know if their lines connect or not and would have to get contractors out to. These are senior residents on fixed income, who does not have the money to hire contractors.
- No name – Concerned about “sideshows” and people doing donuts in her neighborhood. Wondering if the police can intervene.
- Kim – Emerging senior, gave opinion on how East Oakland is a sanctuary city and we should be responsible for ourselves.
- No name: Member came as a representation of 6 generations in Brookfield community. Concerned about gang activity, trash/illegal dumping, etc. Recently created a community garden, giving the youth something to focus on and making sure the community has healthy foods. Mentions a concern about city agencies coming into the community and making changes without doing community homework. Mentioned a new development on the way and is concerned it will not be good for the community.
- Delane Thompson – Would like to see the City increase the fees for illegal dumping, while keeping track of which areas continue to violate.

Chair Gunst closed public comment and moved on to the agenda.

**7. Presentations:**

- Oakland District 7 Councilmember Treva Reid

Commissioner Seibert welcomed Councilmember (District 7) Treva Reid to do her presentation, while also giving a brief background on Treva Reid. Councilmember Treva Reid gave a robust presentation about District 7 and what she in her role as councilmember advocates for the community, and efforts being put forth to help the community members. Councilmember Reid also addressed a few of the public's concerns that was mentioned during public comment, while also inviting the public out to attend the council meetings and other upcoming events to stay connected.

- Oakland Fire Department Chief Damon Covington

Commissioner Seibert welcomed Damon Covington to present his presentation. Chief Damon Covington gave an introduction on himself, and how he came into the position

he's in. He provided tips to our seniors on how to take precaution on staying safe, such as working smoke detectors in their homes. Fire department twice a year picks up different districts and install smoke detectors in homes. It's free and suggests the community to take advantage of this. The smoke detectors are battery less and last 10 years. Chief Covington also discussed MACRO, phone number (510) 44MACRO, are teams that offer aids for non-emergency calls. You can call MACRO for anything.

- Oakland Police Department Cpt. Casey Johnson, Area 6
- Oakland Police Department Lt. William Febel, Area 6

Commissioner Seibert welcomed Captain Casey Johnson and Lieutenant William Febel to present for the Police Department. They gave a brief introduction on themselves and what roles they play at the Oakland Police Department (OPD). They also supplied the community with some safety tips and answered some safety concern questions. They talked about stats for East Oakland and provided information on Frequently asked questions.

- Oakland Housing and Community Development Director Emily Weinstein

Commissioner Seibert welcomed Oakland Housing and Community Development to present their presentation. Deputy Director Ally introduced herself and gave a presentation on their goals to tackle community homelessness in Oakland. While also addressing some frequently asked questions and concerns of the public with their recent construction efforts. Director Ally provided statistics of homelessness in Oakland.

## **8. Human Services Department (HSD)/Adult & Aging Services (AAS) Updates**

Chair Gunst welcomed Scott Means to give an update on the Human Services Department. Scott Means gave a brief follow up on transitions of staff. Scott Means pick his successor the new Humans Services Director as he has transitioned to acting Human Services Director, he introduced Ana Bagtas the new human service manager. Ana introduced herself and expressed excitement for her new position. Former Downtown Oakland Senior Center Director (Jessi Cutter) is now outreach developer. North Oakland Senior Center Director is stepping into the senior center supervisor role. Scott mentioned the City of Oakland budget deficit and invited the public to attend the advisory meeting at the East Oakland Senior Center 9255 Edes Ave, Oakland, CA 94603. This meeting will be Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, @ 10:30am he will go over in depth about the budget deficiency. Chair Gunst opened the floor for commissioners to ask questions about any information they were presented with today. Commissioners took advantage of this opportunity, and the presenters were able to answer some of their questions/concerns.

## **9. MCOA Stakeholder Groups and Other Updates**

Chair Gunst asked each lead for a brief update on what each of the stakeholder groups are currently doing.

- Health & Wellness

Vice Chair Blake Spears provided a brief update on the senior resource guide that have been distributed amongst all the senior centers of Oakland. Also, late this year they will be hosting listening sessions.

- Communications

Commissioner Bob Scott gave an update on a current project, which they are gathering all resources and creating a database for seniors and families to go to one place to get all the information they need. Currently waiting on contracts to move forward.

- Advocacy

Commissioner Tydia Hill talked about what the advocacy group is, and how they are trying to provide information for seniors. Representing all the seniors in Oakland by building connections with all the city councilmembers.

- Chair Report

Chair Gunst opened the next agenda item.

**10. Open Forum (Limit of two minutes)**

Chair Gunst opened this item to the public to form a line to address some questions about presentations or to the commission. Many members came to speak during this time, with concerns, questions, and comments. Marshay and Chair Gunst kept a time check of two minutes per person. The presenters were there to address some questions and comments.

**11. Closing Remarks, & Adjourn**

Due to the amount of public participation, this meeting ran over time, and we had to end it. Chair Gunst thank everyone for coming, and suggested the public speak directly with the presenters for the remaining time they will be in the building.

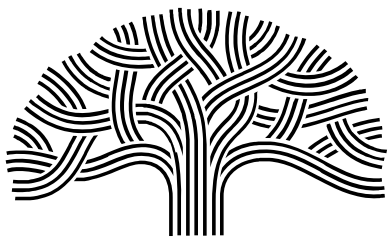
Meeting Adjourned at 12:40pm.

Motion: No motion at this time

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**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 10 a.m. in person at City Hall hearing room 1.



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# **2023 – 2027 Strategic Action Plan & Creating Homeless Exits**

**Oakland Housing and Community  
Development Department**







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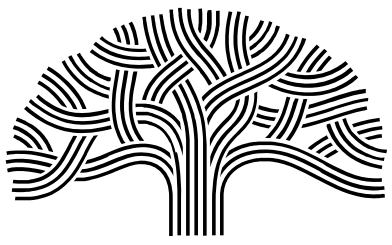
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# Racial Equity & Data



# Racial Equity Goal

Through its Measure U Bond Spending Plan (BSP), **Oakland HCD aims to equitably promote housing access for and stem the displacement of** Oaklanders most impacted by racial disparities.

# Grounding Data & Sources

#	Source	Grounding Data
1	2018 Equity Indicators Report	Key housing issues in Oakland
2	2023-2031 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)	Eight-year goal to produce very- and extremely-low-income units
3	2022 Oakland Point-In-Time Count	5,055 unhoused residents in 2022*
4	2026 Home Together Plan	Plan to eliminate homelessness by 2026
5	2021 Centering Racial Equity in Homeless System Design	Identifies nine root causes of homelessness in Oakland**
6	Tax Credit Allocation Committee Oakland Opportunity Map	High/low-resource neighborhood map & state funding competitiveness
7	2021-2022 Oakland Residential Displacement Map	Displacement rates of very- and extremely-low-income Oakland households

\* over ½ of Alameda County's unhoused population. Disproportionately Black.

\*\*including displacement, lack of affordable housing, and barriers to accessing housing



# Housing Data Overview

## Oakland Regional Housing Needs Allocation, 2023-2031

Income Level	2023 Income Range For an individual	Units Needed	Percent of Total
<b>Very-Low-Income</b> (0-50% AMI)	<b>&lt;\$50,000</b>	6,511	24.8
<b>Extremely-Low-Income</b> (<30% AMI , included in Very-Low-Income)	<b>&lt;\$30,000</b>	3,256	12.4
<b>Low-Income</b> (51-80% AMI)	<b>\$50,001-\$76,750</b>	3,750	14.3
<b>Moderate-Income</b> (81-120% AMI)	<b>\$76,751-\$119,950</b>	4,457	17
<b>Above-Moderate-Income</b> (>120% AMI)	<b>&gt;\$119,950</b>	11,533	44
<b>Total</b>		<b>26,251</b>	<b>100</b>

# Housing Data Overview

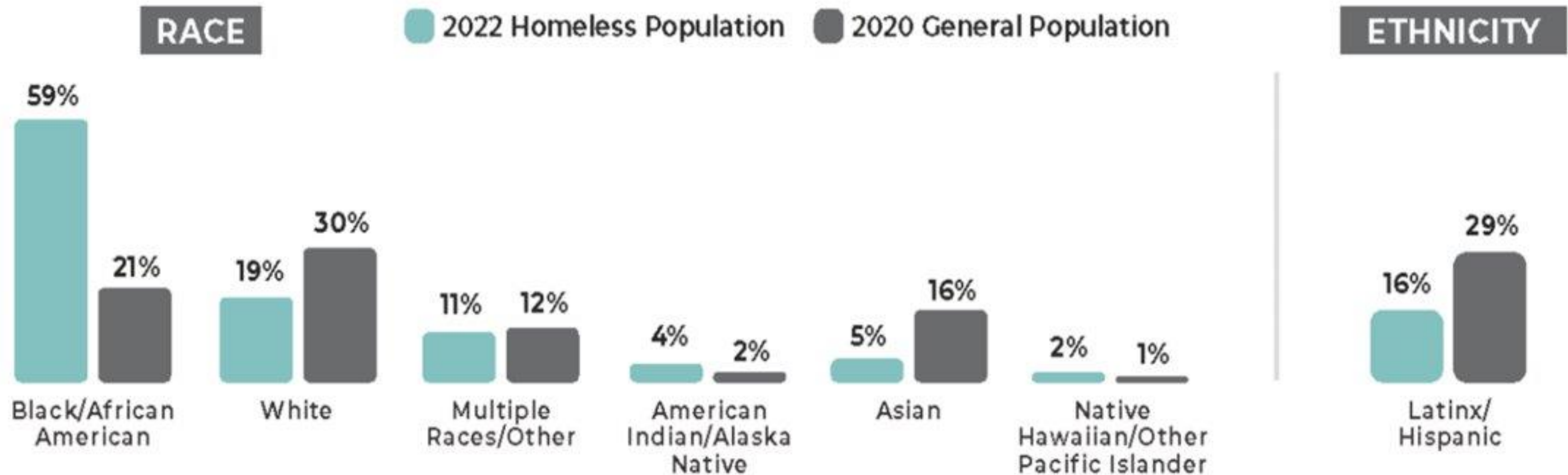
Count of Unsheltered/Sheltered  
Individuals for Oakland

Source: 2022  
Point-In-Time Count,  
EveryOne Home



# Housing Data Overview

## RACE AND ETHNICITY COMPARED TO GENERAL POPULATION

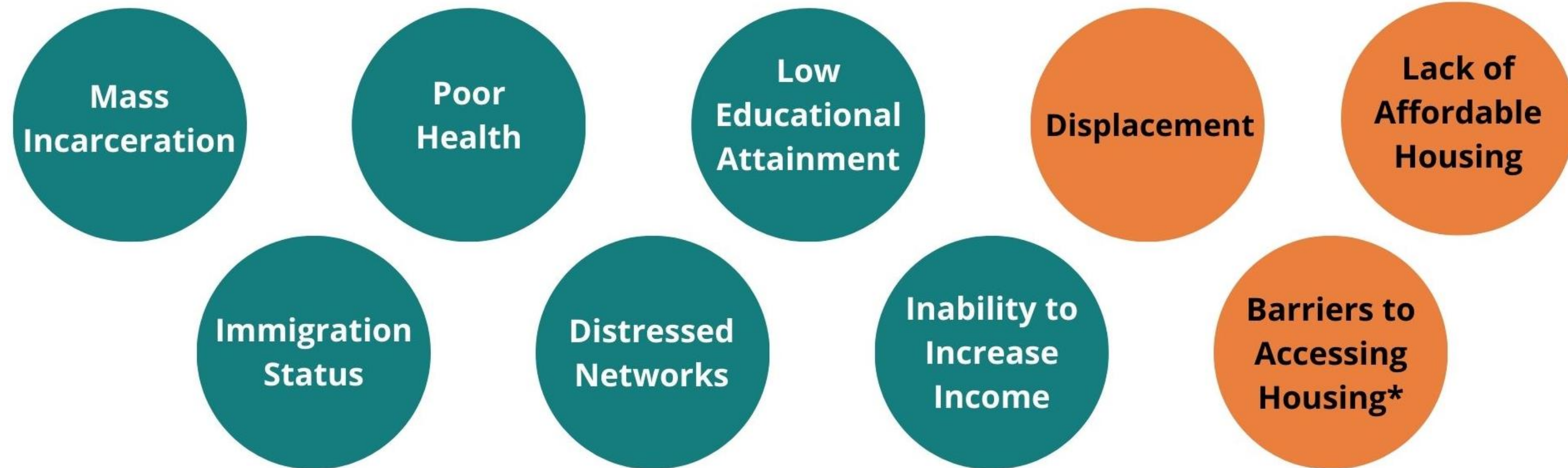




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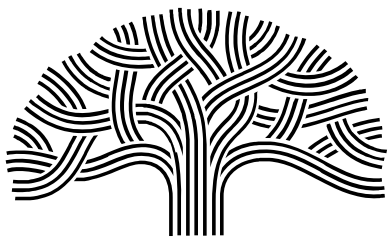
## Equity-Centered Design

The Oakland-Berkeley-Alameda County Continuum of Care's **Racial Equity Impact Analysis** highlighted the following as **root causes of homelessness** in Oakland:



\*including discrimination

Source: 2021 Centering Racial Equity in Homeless System Design



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# Feedback & Guiding Principles



# Stakeholder Engagement

## Oakland Community Members

- City Council District Sessions
- East Bay Housing Organizations Membership (2 sessions)
- Developer Roundtable
- Non-Profit Housing Association Membership
  - 7 organizations represented
- Oakland Property Acquisition Collaborative & Bay Area 4 All (2 sessions):
  - 14 organizations represented

## Funder Partners

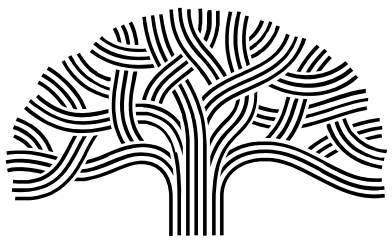
- Bay Area Housing Finance Authority
- Oakland Housing Authority
- Alameda County
- Enterprise
- LISC
- Housing Accelerator Fund

## City Partners

- HCD Staff
- City Administrator
- Dept. of Race and Equity
- Planning and Building
- Human Services Agency
- Budget
- City Councilmembers

# Proposed Guiding Principles

1. Base all decisions & processes in **equity** goals and priorities
2. Root our funding allocations and decision-making in **data**
3. Pursue all opportunities to **leverage funding** sources
4. Innovate to **reduce** development **costs and time**
5. Explore opportunities to expand **partnerships** & resources
6. Simultaneous investment and **advocacy for systems change**
7. Iterate & evaluate over time – **stay nimble!**



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# Spending Priorities





# Current HCD NOFAs

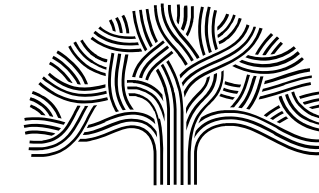


**Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs)** are Oakland HCD's tool to administer funds for housing development. Current NOFAs include:

- **New Construction:** Creation of multifamily affordable rental
  - Current scoring prioritizes projects with more dedicated ELI and PSH units, neighborhoods experiencing displacement, and emerging developers.
  - **Homekey:** Rapid acquisition/conversion or new construction of homeless units
- **Acquisition & Conversion to Affordable Housing:** converts market rate rental to affordable, with set-aside for coops and land trusts
- **Preservation:** supports rehab needs of existing portfolio buildings

# Current Housing Development:

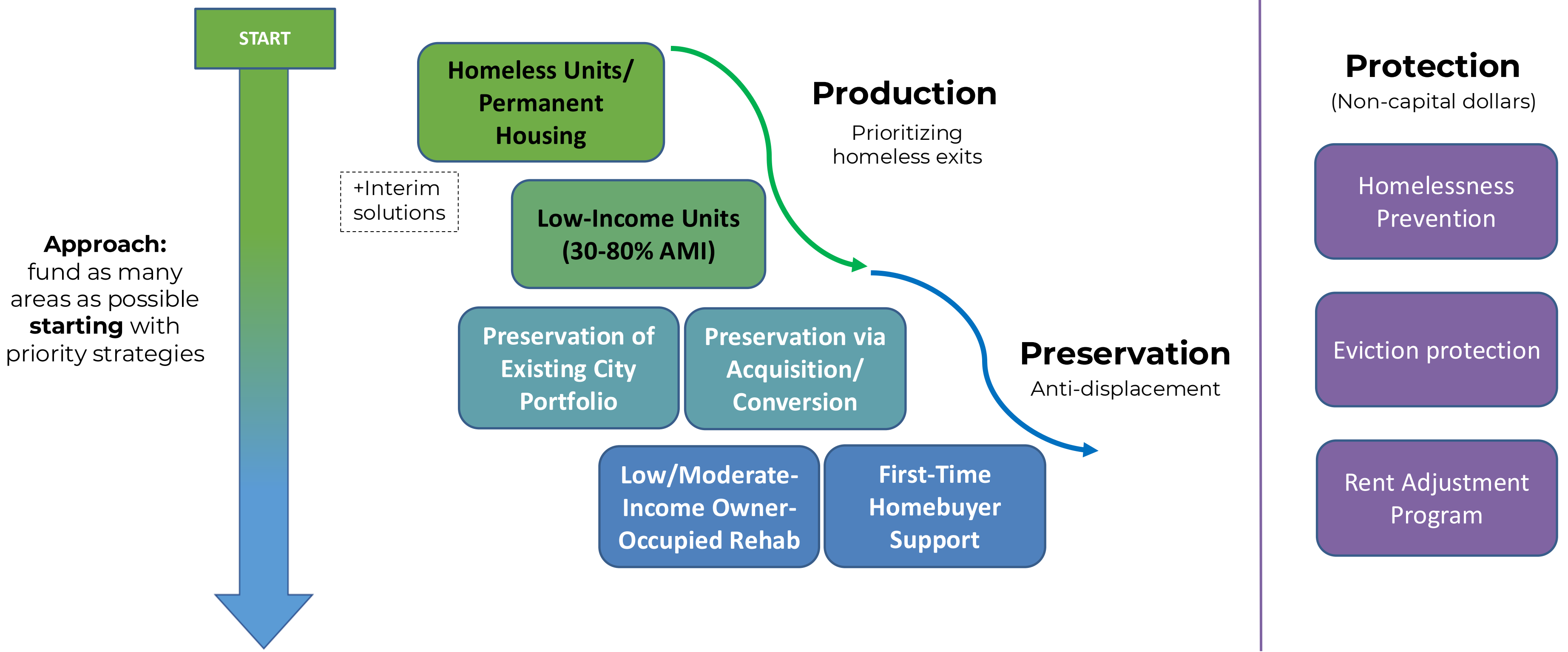
## Costs & Timeline

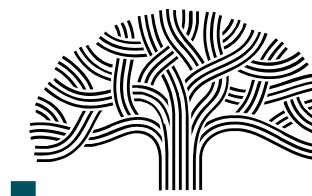


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Project Type	Avg. Total Cost Per Unit	Avg. City Capital Subsidy Per-Unit	Avg. City Operating Subsidy Per-PSH Unit	Completion Time
New Construction	\$800,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	3-4 years
Acquisition/Conversion	\$248,000	\$216,000	0	2.5 years
Homekey	\$560,000	\$140,000	\$120,000	12 months

# Capital Investment Equity Framework

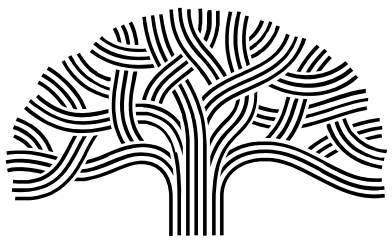




# Affordable Housing Development

## Projections by Source

Program Type	Measure U Funding	Local Capital Dollars	Local Operating Subsidy	Total Funding	% of Total	Number of Units
<b>Permanent Homeless Units</b> (0-30% AMI)	\$110,957,282	\$10,000,000	\$67,073,747	\$188,900,325	39%	806
<b>Low-Income Units</b> (30-80% AMI)	\$149,650,000	\$28,760,093	\$0	\$178,410,093	37%	1,189
Preservation via <b>Acquisition/Conversion</b>	\$46,550,000	\$22,390,000	\$0	\$68,940,000	14%	230
Preservation of <b>Existing City Portfolio</b>	\$25,342,718	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$35,342,718	7%	527
<b>Other</b> Housing Programs**	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$9,000,000	2%	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$332,500,000</b>	<b>\$80,150,093</b>	<b>\$67,943,043</b>	<b>\$480,593,136</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,752</b>



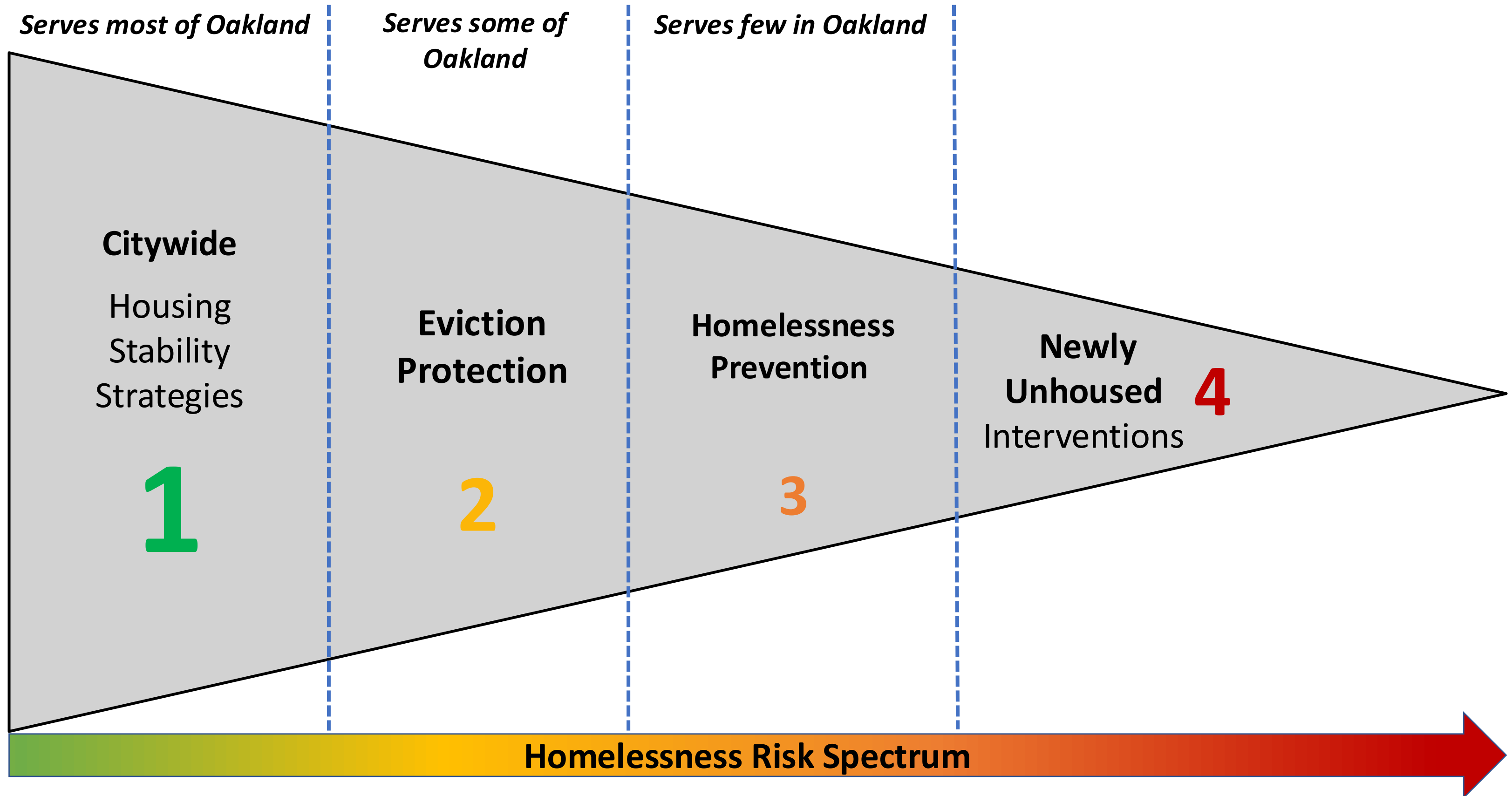
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# Implementation Strategies-

# Creating Homeless Exits

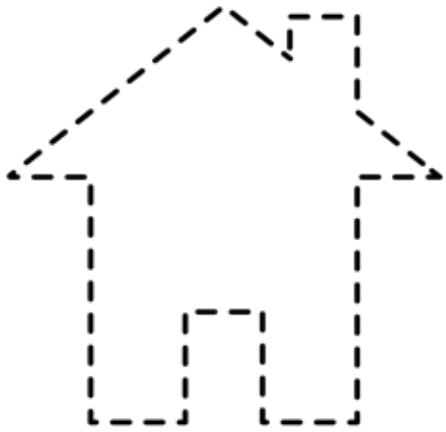


# Homelessness Risk Spectrum



# Homelessness, Race, and Equity

2022 Point-in-Time Count



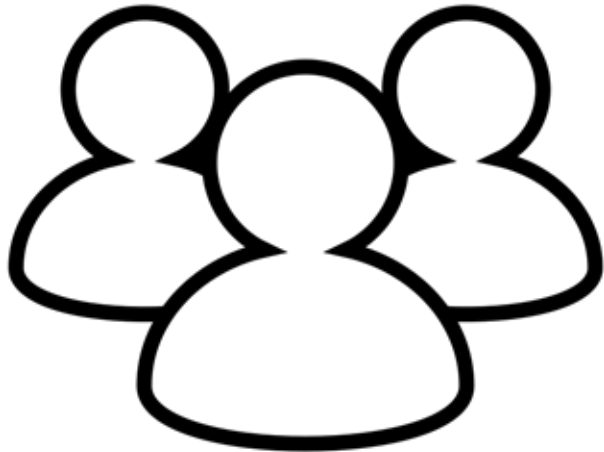
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Racial Disparity



Homekey Demographics



5,055

Homeless people living in Oakland

52%

of people who are homeless in Alameda County live in Oakland

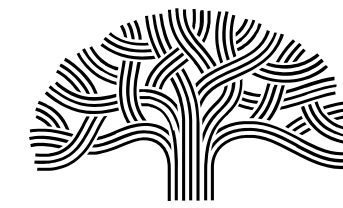
60%

of people who are homeless in Oakland are Black

80%

of Oakland occupied Homekey units are occupied by Black residents





# Fundamentals of PSH

(also known as Permanent Supportive Housing)

The **three-legged stool** of PSH includes these key components, each of **EQUAL** importance:

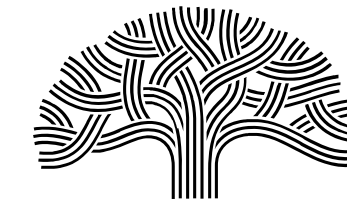
1. Developer/Owner
2. Service Provider
3. Property Manager

Establishing **threshold experience criteria** for each role is critical to **ensure successful outcomes** for residents and the community.





# Homekey Program

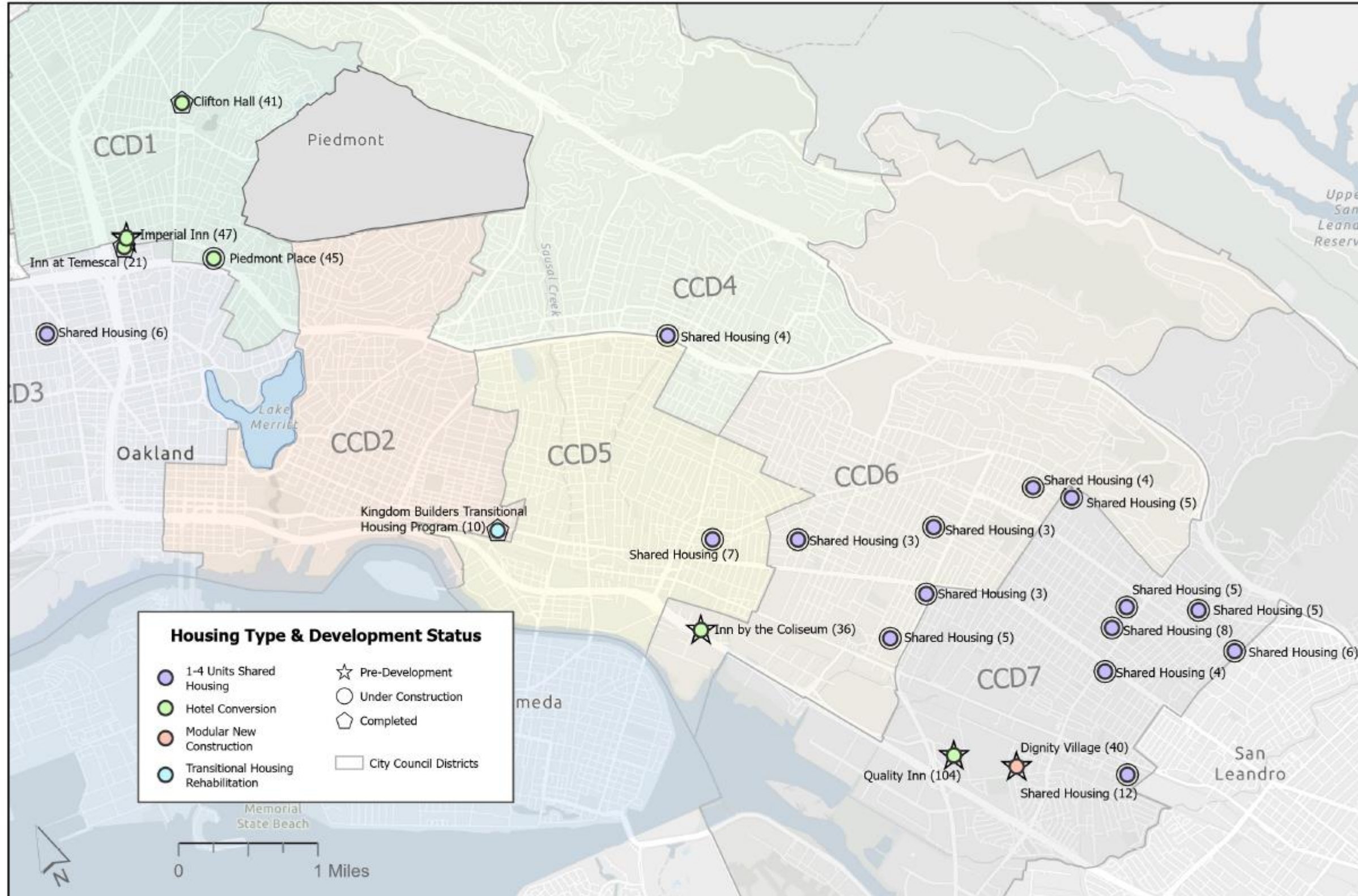


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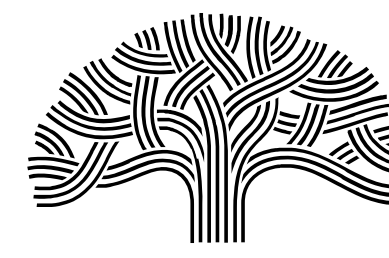


## Homekey Program Project Awards (2020 - 2024)

Permanent, Interim, or Transitional Housing for People Experiencing Homelessness







# Homekey Round 1

## Clifton Hall



- Repurposed college dormitory for over 100 residents
- 20 units for family shelter and 40 units for homeless seniors
- Shared kitchens on each floor

## Inn at Temescal



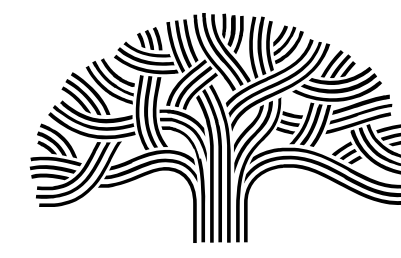
- Repurposed motel
- 21 units for homeless veterans
- Shared kitchen and common space in repurposed lobby

## BACS Scattered Sites



- 15 single family homes
- 80+ rooms for individuals who are homeless
- Shared kitchens and bathrooms





# Homekey Round 2

## Piedmont Place



- Repurposed motel
- 44 units for chronically homeless
- Shared common space

## Inn by the Coliseum

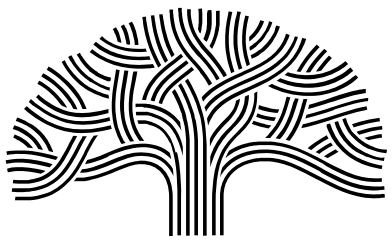


- Repurposed motel
- 30 units for homeless and 6 for chronically homeless
- Kitchenettes in rooms and shared common space

## Kingdom Builders Transitional Housing



- Repurposed motel
- 34 transitional units for homeless youth & individuals who are formerly incarcerated Shared common space



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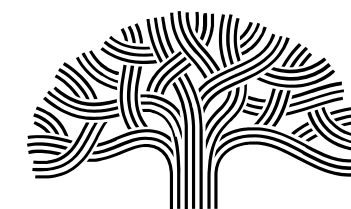
# Homekey Round 3



# Homekey Round 3 Applications Submitted

Project Name	Project Sponsors	Homeless Units	Target Population
<b>Imperial Inn *</b>	Bay Area Community Services Housing Corp (BACS)/ Memar Properties Inc. (MPI Homes)	47	Chronically Homeless
<b>Kingdom Builders Transitional Housing</b>	Kingdom Builders Transitional Housing Program	57	Chronically Homeless, Homeless Youth, Re-entry/formerly incarcerated
<b>Dignity Village Oakland *</b>	DignityMoves & Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB)	40	Chronically Homeless, Homeless Seniors
<b>The Maya</b>	Danco Communities & Operation Dignity	22	Homeless
<b>Quality Inn *</b>	California Supportive Housing Enterprise (CSH) & SHELTER, Inc.	103	Chronically Homeless, Homeless Youth

\* Homekey Awarded by State of California HCD First Quarter 2024



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# Imperial Inn



Council District	Address	Project Sponsors	Funding Requested
1-Kalb	490 West MacArthur Blvd  47 units	Bay Area Community Services Housing Corp (BACS)/ Memar Properties Inc. (MPI Homes)	City Capital: \$6,375,030  City Operating: \$2,217,051  Homekey: \$15,536,504  County: \$2,073,600



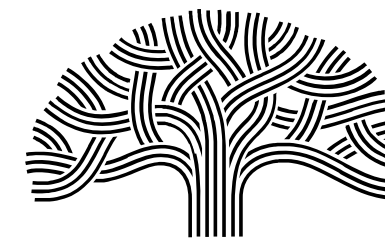
# Dignity Village



Council District	Address	Project Sponsors	Funding Requested
7-Reid	9418 Edes/ 606 Clara St.  40 NC units	DignityMoves & Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB)	City Capital: \$4,100,000  City Operating: \$2,217,051  Homekey: \$14,266,000  County: \$5,168,000



# Quality Inn

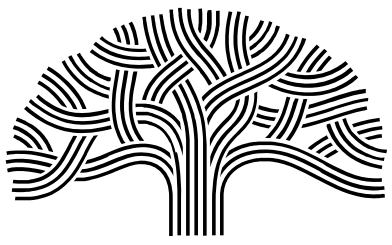


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Council District	Address	Project Sponsors	Funding Requested
7-Reid	8471 Enterprise Way  103 units	California Supportive Housing Enterprise (CSH) & SHELTER, Inc.	City Capital: \$0  City Operating: \$0  Homekey: \$20,515,535  Outside Subsidy: \$7,689,291





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**Thank You!**





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**Wednesday, June 5, 2024  
Held In Person at City Hall  
Hearing Room 1**

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Gunst called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. The meeting was held in person at City Hall Hearing Room 1. Chair Gunst also gave a brief overview of meeting procedures.

### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** Lenore Gunst, Blake Spears, Suzi Kalmus, Bob Scott, Lisa Malul, Ristina Ingram, Jennifer Seibert

**Absent:**

**Absent Excused:** Tydia Hill, Jacqueline Johnson

**Late:** Asha Beene-Clarke

*A quorum was established.*

**Staff:** Ana Bagtas (Human Services Manager), Susana Lugo (Admin Assistant), Yvonne Dunbar (MCOA Clerk)

### 3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved with 1 modification. Chair Gunst proposed moving item 10 on the agenda to after public comment, item 6.

Motion: Jennifer Seibert/Bob Scott/Motion carried unanimously

### 4. Approval of February 7, March 6, and May 1, 2024 MCOA Minutes

The minutes were approved with no modifications.

Motion: Jennifer Seibert/Asha Beene-Clarke/Motion carried unanimously

### 5. Public Comment (*specific agenda items, limit to 2 minutes*)

No speakers at this time.

### 6. Aging and Adult Services & Mayor's Commission on Aging Five-Year Strategic Plan:

**Planning Activities and Timeline** – Chair Lenore Gunst/Vice-Chair Blake Spears/HS Manager  
Ana Bagtas

Chair Gunst opened this item by letting everyone know that the timeline sheet they have in the agenda is what this item will be addressing. She provided a brief overview of how the 5-year strategic plan is created, and what we are anticipating for our next 5-year strategic plan. She invited Ana Bagtas Human Services Manager to come up and furtherly discuss. Ana Bagtas introduced herself and started explaining the 5-year strategic plan process and how the Mayors Commission on Aging will create and carry out another 5-year plan. This will be a partnership between Aging and Adult services and Mayors Commission on Aging. Ana invited the commission to volunteer for the different opportunities to participate in this planning. Goal of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to publish the teams' findings. Commissioner Scott asked a clarifying question around the organization of the task force and the roles. Commissioner Seibert asked what we have learned from the previous strategic plan. Vice Chair Blake Spears asked commissioners to sign up to participate in something on the list. Commissioner Malul Wants to participate on the task force. Commissioner Seibert and Ingram mics were not on, could not recall their answers. Commissioner Scott suggest he is to new to know where he can fit in, feels he can be a quick study on any group, suggests staying in the communications stakeholder group with a co-leader. Chair Gunst wants to serve on taskforce and transportation division. Commissioner Kalmus wants to do communications outreach. Commissioner Beene-Clarke believes capacity wise she will stay in the housing stakeholder group, wanting to be realistic about what her commitment can be. Vice chair Spears wants to do the taskforce and health and wellness. Commissioner Malul wants to help on health and wellness as well. Chair Gunst opened the floor for comments or questions from the public. Public member Barry Shapiro on the North Oakland Senior Center advisory board spoke about he and members of the public wanting to speak to the 30% budget cuts that were announced.

**7. Budget Updates: State and City – Chair Lenore Gunst**

Chair Gunst opened this item by discussing the 30% cut ordered across the boards. Mentioning we did a lot better this year but are concerned about grant programs. The commission has set up and attended one on one meetings with councilmembers. She refers to two forms that were provided that discuss what the commission will be talking about with the councilmembers. She explains briefly what those points are and the importance of these meetings, that speak to the advocacy around senior's voice we need. Chair Gunst strongly encourages the public member and his coalition to go to the council meetings and advocate. Commissioner Malul suggests they reach out to their city councilmember and ask what they would recommend. Commissioner Seibert asked when does the councilmember meet and when will the final budget meeting will be released. Ana Bagtas says she will send this information to the commissioners, suggests the calendar for these meetings are a little complexed to find. Budget will be release before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Seibert asked what more can be done to accelerate the payments of the contracts. Commissioner Malul suggests that when the commission makes recommendations to council that we keep in mind of how the contract process goes. Vice Chair Spears mentions councilmember Treva Reid's newsletter gives very detailed information on the budget. Chair Gunst suggests one update to the spreadsheet paper they all have, that Ana Bagtas pointed out the SOS meals on wheels numbers are flipped. The general fund number is \$150,000 (covers the delivery of meals) and the grant is \$300,000 (covers the food).

**8. Advocacy Updates – Tydia Hill**

This item was discussed in the previous item. Items 7 and 8 were combined.

## 9. Presentations:

Chair Gunst opened this item by welcoming easy does it to present their presentation to the commission.

- Easy Does It Services – *Trevor Jacobson, Executive Director*  
Executive director Bruce Curtis of easy does it introduce himself and provided a very informational presentation about easy does it and what they offer the community. Easy does it provides emergency services to Berkeley residents but are looking to expand to Oakland. Their presentation included a brief video explaining that they provide gaps in services for disabled persons and seniors. They provide emergency transportations to doctor's appointments, fixes for broken equipment (such as wheelchairs), and are managed and staffed by persons with disabilities. This is a grant funded program, funded by property taxes in Berkely. They have a small grant to expand their wheelchair fixing services to Oakland. Program "wheelchair rescue" has been running for 5 years and renewed their contract with Alameda Transportation services. Hoping that the Mayors Commission on Aging can get the word out, as they have been having a hard time getting the word out to the community. Wheelchair rescue is an emergency program, where they will come to people and fix their wheelchairs for free and give wheelchairs to homeless persons. Commissioner Malul asked how many seniors in Oakland do they think they can work with without over burdening their system. Bruce Curtis replied, under 20 persons a month. Commissioner Seibert asked if they are looking at specific zip codes in Oakland, Bruce Curtis replied all of Oakland. Commissioner Malul asked what work has been done to reach the community already, Bruce Curtis responded they have an outreach person that puts up a table at events, they attend senior centers, etc. are trying to get their information out by word of mouth. Chair Gunst opened this topic to the public for questions, no speakers at this time.
- Oakland LGBTQ Community Center – *Jessie Spivey, Director of Elder Services*  
Jessie Spivey (He/Him) director of elder services gave a brief introduction, with a very informational presentation to follow. This center's elder services program offers support to LGBTQ+ seniors to provide resources, programs, and activities to keep them connected as they advance in age. They use a lot of resources to refer members to other programs in the area. Jessie Spivey walked through their presentation while also providing some statistics and humor. They serve LGBTQ+ seniors, 55+, in Alameda and surrounding areas. Commissioner Seibert asked if they have a building or office space they meet, Jessie Spivey replies yes, they have a new building in the lake merit area. Commissioner Ingram commented she's been a couple of times and love it. Vice chair Blake Spears asked based on the presented statistics, is there a way of reaching Black LGBTQ+ members. Jessie replied the numbers were from the beginning when he started, but they are seeing a shift and are doing intentional outreach. Commissioner Seibert asked what their operating budget is, Jessie replied he wasn't sure, but they rely on grants and donations. Chair Gunst asked how many people they are serving, is it a membership. Jessie replied not really a membership just participation based, roughly at 150 people. Vice chair Spears mentioned it is

pride month, and he would like to see the commission support resolution regarding pride month in Oakland. Blake proposed a motion.

Motion: Blake Spears/Lenore Gunst/Suzi Kalmus/Motion carried unanimously.

#### **10. Scheduling of MCOA meetings at senior centers (July 2024 and December 2024 meetings)**

Chair Gunst opened this item by recalling the visit to the East Oakland Senior Center for the first community meeting. Public member Barry Shapiro commented that the West Oakland Senior center is shutting down and moving into North Oakland. Chair Gunst is hoping that North or Downtown Senior Center would be a good fit for hosting another community meeting. She asked the commissioners, who lives in the areas and is willing to push forward the effort in coordinating the meeting for Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. No one volunteered. Vice chair Blake mentioned he can not take it on himself but can work with Chair Gunst. Commissioner Ingram asked for clarification on what goes into planning a in community meeting. Commissioner Seibert replied that East Oakland was easy because councilmember Treva Reid was very helpful in her efforts with supporting her planning that meeting. While also supplying some key points on how to be successful. Commissioner Ingram offered to help set up and break down the meeting for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Chair Gunst recommends a step of meeting with the senior center director. Chair Gunst recommends possibly moving this idea to September for North/West Oakland Senior Center. Commissioner Kalmus and Malul offered to lead the Downtown Oakland Senior Center community meeting in December 2024. Chair Gunst opened this up for public comment. No speakers at this time.

#### **11. Health & Human Services/Adult & Aging Services Updates**

Chair Gunst opened this item by acknowledging Ana Bagtas had to leave and recommending someone else in the room from Human Services to give a brief update. Scott Means Interim Director of Human Services spoke, letting the commission know this will be the last time he speaks to the commission as an employee. As he is set to retire from 23 years of working with the City of Oakland, bittersweet, but he is happy to have this last conversation with them. He will be stepping into as chair of The East Bay Foundation of Aging, will continue to be involved with senior issues. Scott mentioned there has been very severe cuts with funding. This year Kurry Foley really helped having the reductions implemented without having cuts of services. Reductions in senior centers have been submitted, reduced hours and staffing. Budget office accepted, but mayor did not. In the mayor's proposed budget, none of the reductions for senior services were included. Senior centers will not have reductions of staff. Clarifying that the only reason that the West Oakland Senior Center is closing is for capital improvement projects, not because of frozen or eliminated positions. Combining senior centers will be good for staff improvements. The last budget meeting is June 26, 2024. Will be bringing on a new targeted case manager, looking to hire please apply if you're interested. Would love to bring in more agencies within the city, such as head start. Commissioner Malul thanks Scott Means for his services with the seniors and helping with the lack of cuts. Commissioner Scott comments he's impressed by his commitment to the senior community and thanks him. The community is better off because of Scott Means. Blake proposed a resolution for our appreciation of Scott for his long years of service and the commission.

Motion: Blake Spears/Jennifer Seibert/Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Gunst points out number 3 on the new strategic plan is explore grant opportunities. The commission will be coming to the East Bay Foundation of Aging to connect.



**12. Open Forum (Limit of two minutes)**

No speakers at this time.

**13. Closing Remarks, & Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned 11:56 am.

Motion: Blake Spears/Lisa Malul/Motion carried unanimously

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**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at 10 a.m. in person at City Hall hearing room 1.



**Easy Does It**  
emergency services



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- Emergency Personal Care Attendants
- Wheelchair Rescue
- Wheelchair Repair
- Private Accessible Transportation

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## Image Description

Drew and Peni pose for a photo in front of one of our Accessible Transportation Vans, in front of the Oakland Museum of California. Peni is decked out in all purple (power chair included) and wearing a Judy Heumann quote.





# Wheelchair Rescue

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A closeup of the FASTER (Fast, Accessible, Safe, Transportation, Equipment Repair) acronym appearing on the side of one of our accessible transportation vans.



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# Image Description

Rodney poses for a photo while making adjustments to a client's manual wheelchair.





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# Image Description

Ed helps a client board one of our accessible transportation vans.



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# ELDER

# SERVICES

THE OAKLAND  
LGBTQ COMMUNITY  
CENTER



# INTRODUCTION

## ELDER SERVICES

**Seniors and Elders have always been a part of The Oakland LGBTQ Community Center. The Elder Services program really accelerated in 2023, when the center absorbed Lavender Seniors and its programming. In February 2023 the center hired its first Elder Services Director and in January 2024, we hired an Elder Services Coordinator.**







# THE TEAM

Elder Services

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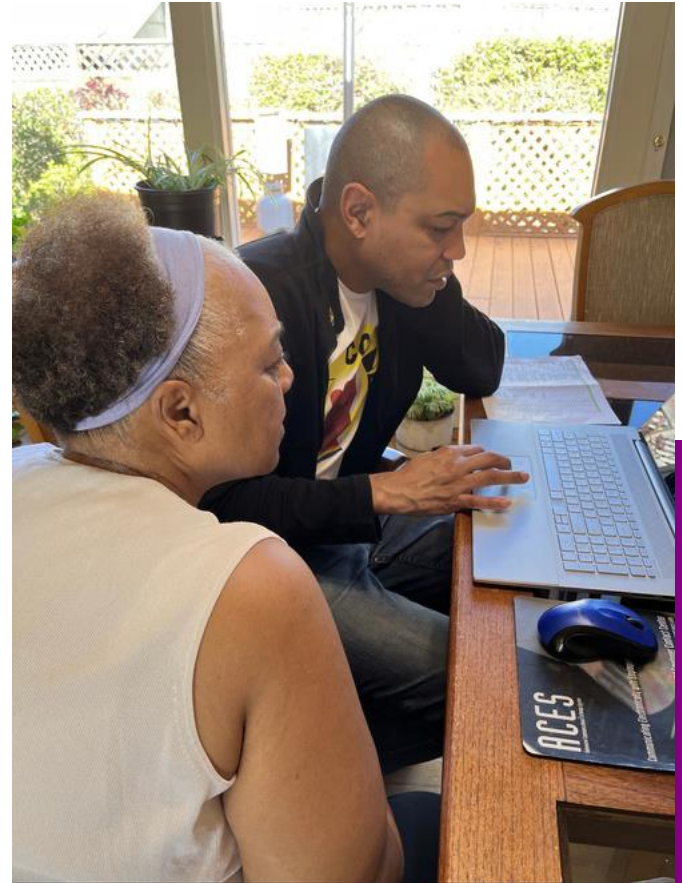


# ABOUT US

## Elder Services

**The Center's Elder Services promotes a positive and healthy quality of life for elder LGBTQ+ individuals 55+ by ensuring they continue to be supported, respected, and connected as they advance in age. We collaborate with existing agencies working with LGBTQ+ Seniors to connect people to needed resources and work to identify gaps in services so that we can find ways to fill those gaps.**

**We host support groups and activities designed to help keep LGBTQ+ Seniors engaged with other Seniors and younger members of our community.**





# OUR PROGRAM

Elder Services

## CASE MANAGEMENT

Program participants work with a dedicated Elder Services Coordinator

## DIRECT SERVICES

We provide a number of direct services including housing resources and referrals

## FOOD PANTRY

The Center's pantry is available to all program participants

## MENTAL HEALTH

Program participants have access to mental health subsidies and referrals



# OUR PROGRAM

Elder Services

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

We host a number of senior focused activities throughout the year

## SEXUAL HEALTH

Program participants have direct access and linkage to the GBWC

## SUPPORT GROUPS

We offer a number of support groups for program participants

## TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Program participants can receive resources, referrals and incentives



# LAVENDER NOTES

Elder Services

Lavender Notes is a monthly newsletter for program participants and community partners. It features Stories of our lives, a popular column that highlights an LGBTQ+ Senior in the community. Special announcements, Activities, Community Calendar and a Resource Hub are also included.



Ernest Mali Andrews, he/him (L) and Randy Jordan, he/him (R)

A handsome army brat, model and fashionista from Eatonton, crossed paths with a charming, thespian and choreographer from Brooklyn, New York, and an eternal flame was ignited...

This is the (love) story of Ernest Mali Andrews and Randy Jordan.

Eatonton is known as the dairy capital of Georgia. World renown Joel Chandler Harris, and Alice Walker both hail from Eatonton but would have thought that Eatonton would be the birthplace of one of the Bay area's prominent Black LGBTQ Elders, fashion influencers and community health workers, Mr. Randy Jordan. Randy was born in th







# WHO WE SERVE

Elder Services



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**SENIORS**



**AGES**  
**55+**

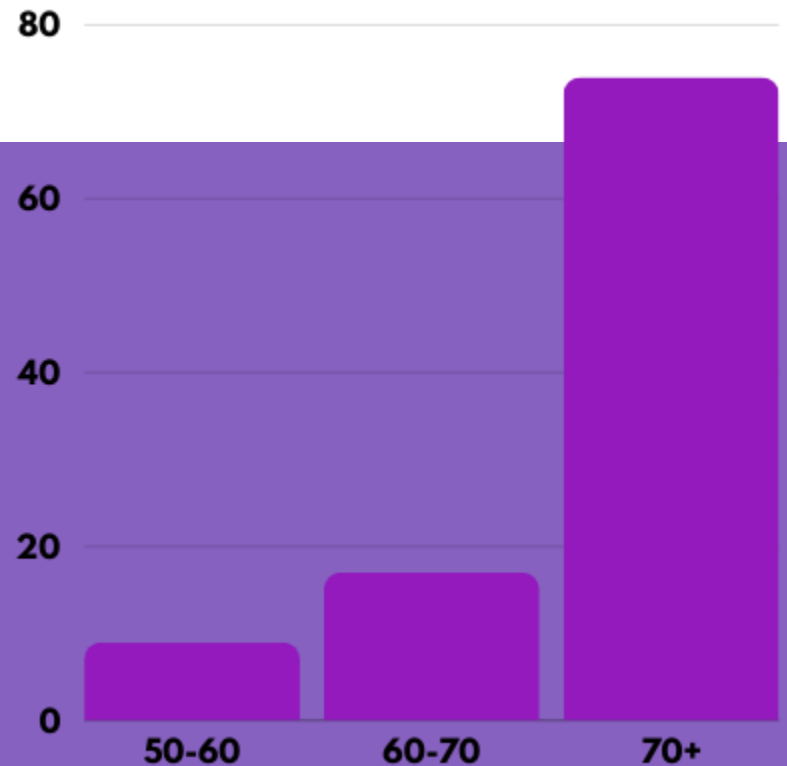
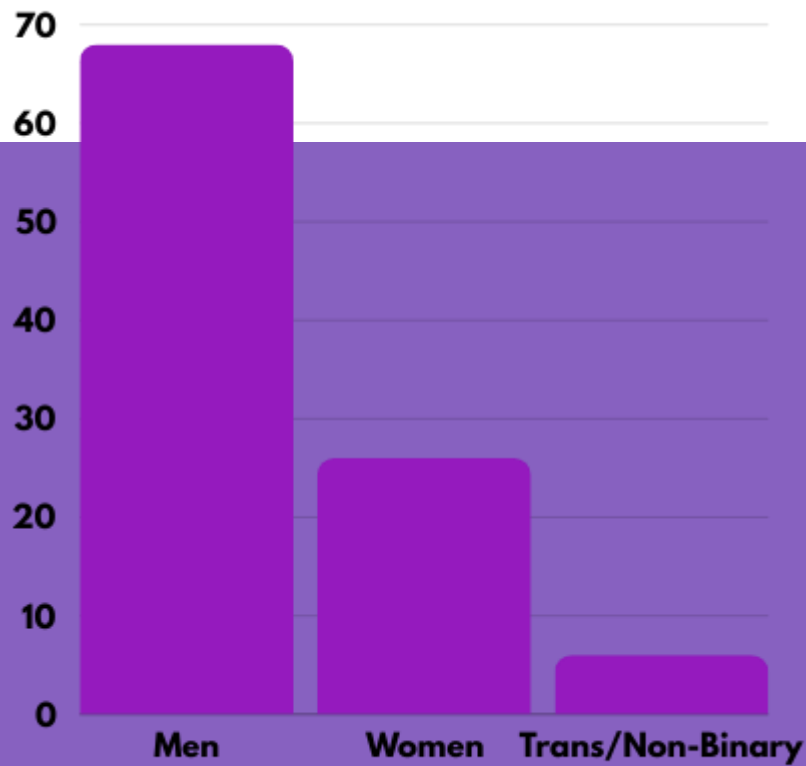


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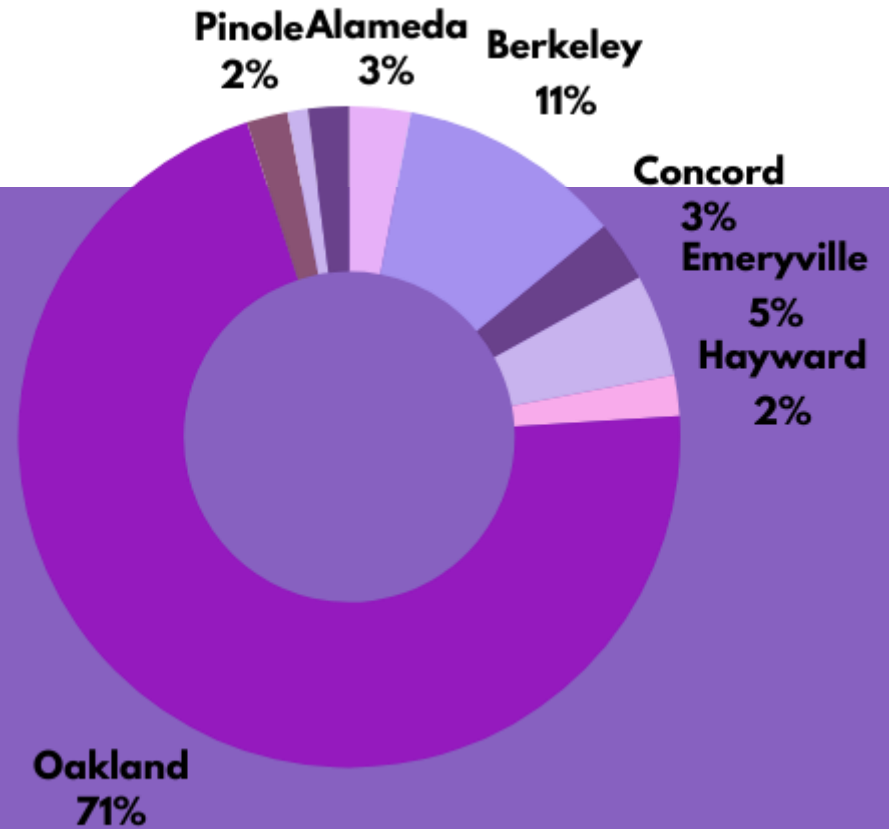
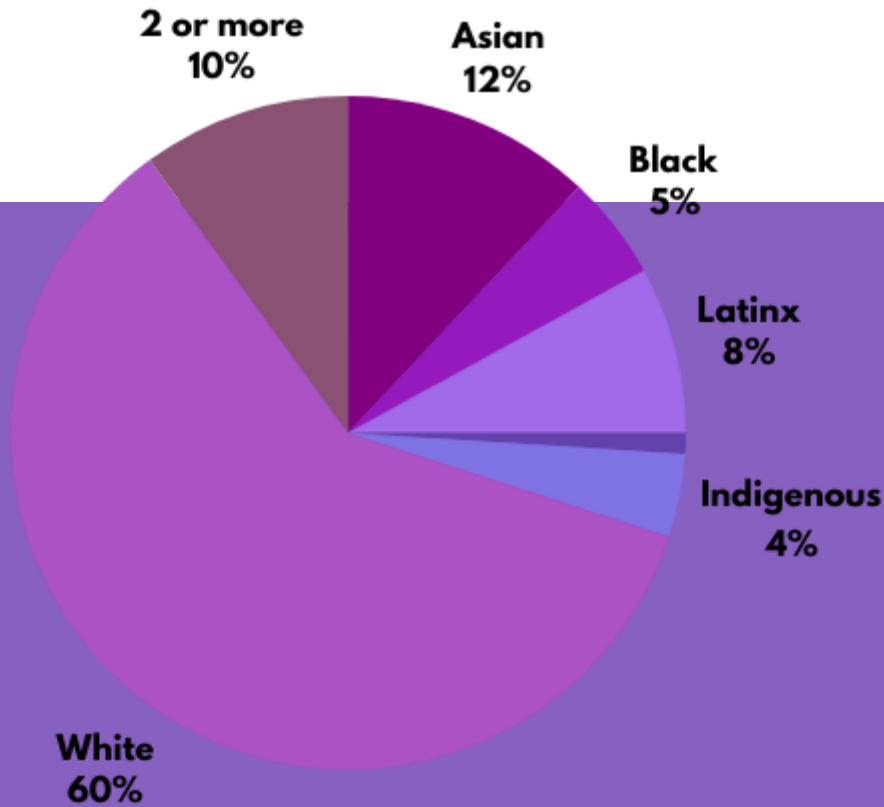
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Elder Services



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# NEW OFFERINGS

Elder Services

2024 brings two new offerings to Elder Services, to address the current mental health crisis facing the nation.



## LGBTQIA+ Elders Therapy Group

WEDNESDAYS IN-PERSON AT  
THE OAKLAND LGBTQ CENTER  
FACILITATED BY GRACE WALCOT, AMFT



Participants must be pre-screened by Facilitator  
For more info:  
510-882-2286  
[info@lavenderseniors.org](mailto:info@lavenderseniors.org)



### A new program for LGBTQ+ Seniors

## THE HEART TO ART PROJECT

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EMPOWER US TO  
BECOME THE BEST  
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# THIRD FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Elder Services

Third Friday Lunch Bunch has been a long time staple of Lavender Seniors. Lunch Bunch continues to provide a safe space for LGBTQ+ Seniors while offering good company, great food, and various presenters and performers. In December 2023, Lunch Bunch had its highest attendance rate in history with a whopping 90 RSVPs!



*Third Friday*  
**Lunch Bunch**  
RSVP REQUIRED

Every **Third Friday @ 12:30pm**  
North Oakland Senior Center  
5714 MLK Way

**Oakland** LOGO COMMUNITY CENTER  
**LAVENDER SENIORS** of the East Bay  
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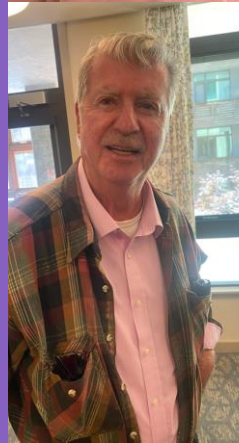
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# SOCIAL SENIORS

Elder Services

Social Seniors was a part of the early days of Elder Services at the Center but after its resurrection in 2023 and a new partnership with The Watermark by the Bay, it has become one of the most well known social gatherings for LGBTQ+ Seniors in the East Bay.



# THE FUTURE

Elder Services

**Rainbow Buddies**  
**Carpool Buddies**  
**Senior Gay Men's Affinity Group**  
**Senior Lesbian Affinity Group**  
**Lavender Seniors**  
**30th Anniversary**







**THANK YOU**

Thank to our partners and sponsors who help make these moments magical for our LGBTQ+ Senior community!



City of Oakland  
 Aging and Adult Services & Mayor's Commission on Aging  
 5-Year Plan for Aging Well in Oakland  
 Planning Task Force Activities and Timeline

Goal	Activities/Tasks	May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul
<b>I. Form and Engage with Planning Task Force</b>	a. Develop Task Force members invitee list	
	b. Invite and confirm Task Force members	
	c. Develop Task Force charter	
	d. Identify Stakeholder Groups	
	e. Identify Chairs for each Stakeholder Group	
	f. Develop Stakeholder Group charter	
	g. Conduct planning meetings	
<b>II. Form and Engage with Stakeholder Groups (each Stakeholder Group leads)</b>	a. Review and approve Stakeholder Group charter	
	b. Develop members invitee list for each Stakeholder Group	
	c. Invite and confirm Stakeholder Group members	
	d. Conduct Stakeholder Group meetings	
	e. Review needs assessment results and provide feedback and recommendations (see section IV. I through p below)	
	f. Develop SMART objectives, action steps, and initiatives to support the 5-Year Plan goals and priorities (see section III.p. below)	
	g. Stakeholder Groups submit objectives and action plan to the Planning Task Force	
<b>III. Assess Needs (Planning Task Force leads)</b>	a. Decide on data collection methods	
	b. Draft survey	
	c. Decide locations and target pops for listening sessions	
	d. Develop listening session discussion guides	

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Goal	Activities/Tasks	May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul
<b>III. Assess Needs (Planning Task Force leads) - continued</b>	e. Develop logistics instructions for the listening sessions	
	f. Explore grant opportunities to support assessment of needs	
	g. Conduct listening sessions	
	h. Collect surveys	
	i. Analyze survey and listening session results	
	j. Summarize results	
	k. Develop slide deck to present needs assessment results	
	l. Present needs assessment results to Stakeholder Groups and members of the public - gather feedback and recommendations	
	m. Identify priority areas based on Stakeholder Groups and public/community input on needs assessment results	
	n. Develop 5-year Plan broad goals to support the priority areas identified	
o. Present 5-year Plan goals to Stakeholder Groups		
p. Task Stakeholder Groups to develop measureable objectives and action plan. Conduct training on developing SMART objectives, as necessary		
<b>IV. Draft A&amp;AS/MCOA 5-Year Plan for Aging Well in Oakland</b>	a. Draft the 5-Year Plan with clear goals, objectives, action steps, and initiatives	
	b. Present draft plan to Human Services Department (HSD) director for feedback and approval	
	c. Present HSD-approved draft plan to MCOA for review, feedback, and adoption	
	d. Publish draft plan for public comments	
<b>V. Publish 5-Year Plan for Aging Well in Oakland</b>	a. Finalize the plan	
	b. Publish the plan	15 1

**City of Oakland**  
**Aging and Adult Services & Mayor's commission on Aging**  
**5-Year Plan for Aging Well in Oakland**

**Possible Stakeholder Groups**

(in alignment with Age Friendly and Needs Assessment)

- Health and Wellness
- Communication, Information & Outreach
- Housing
- Open Space
- Transportation
- Safety and Violence Prevention

**Possible Planning Task Force Members**

- Lisa Malul
- Lenore Gunst
- Blake Spears
- Bryan Ricks
- Ana Bagtas
- Others??





# Mayor's Commission on Aging

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**Wednesday, July 3, 2024**  
**Held In Person at City Hall**  
**Hearing Room 1**

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Gunst called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The meeting was held in person at City Hall Hearing Room 1. Chair Gunst provided a few meeting procedures.

### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** Lenore Gunst, Blake Spears, Suzi Kalmus, Bob Scott, Lisa Malul, Jacqueline Johnson

**Absent:**

**Absent Excused:** Tydia Hill, Jennifer Seibert

**Late:** Asha Beene-Clarke, Ristina Ingram

*A quorum was established.*

**Staff:** Ana Bagtas (Human Services Manager), Kayla Brown (Senior Services Supervisor)  
Marshay Boyd (Admin Assistant), Yvonne Dunbar (MCOA Clerk)

### 3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no modification.

Motion: Blake Spears/Lisa Malul/Motion carried unanimously

### 4. Approval of April 3, 2024 and June 5, 2024 MCOA Minutes

Deferred to the September 2024 meeting. We are recessed in August.

Motion: Jennifer Seibert/Asha Beene-Clarke/Motion carried unanimously

### 5. Public Comment (*specific agenda items, limit to two minutes*)

Emily C. AARP CA, associate director of advocacy and community engagement. Trying to engage in local advocacy work in the areas. Willing to help/advise on age friendly issues. Chair Gunst invited Emily to participate in the stakeholders group.

### 6. Presentation: On the Senior Safety Survey - Kayla Brown, Senior Services Supervisor

Chair Gunst opened this item by welcoming Kayla Brown to do her presentation. Kayla Brown gave a brief introduction of her new position and that she is the former North Oakland Senior Center Director. She supplied survey results from a survey implemented to seniors on the feelings of safety in Oakland, CA. This presentation was very informational supplying helpful results. Survey was open May 2024 - June 2024 received 494 responses. Survey was implemented to senior center members and asked to pass along to other seniors 55+ they know. Commissioners asked about stats on electronic communications and how the seniors participated, Kayla replies with she doesn't have that information on hand but will strive to get that and forward along to the commission. The survey showed that it was long standing seniors, that been in their zip codes that participated in the survey. The survey detailed how safe seniors feels in Oakland, CA whether in their neighborhood or around Oakland. Commissioner Malul commented that she would have loved to see the breakdown by zip code, to determine which areas are in most need and how the commission can help. Kayla responded that they do have the results broken down by zip code. Commissioner Scott asked Kayla what her own antidotal thoughts about the survey from experience working in this field. Kayla hopes that the senior centers can use this data to implement new classes into the senior's centers such as self defense classes or life skills classes to help seniors navigate staying safe in Oakland, CA. Commissioner Johnson comments that the 94605-zip code includes areas all the way up to skyline, and when her organization did their survey the members that lived closer so skyline felt safe. This didn't really speak for the seniors living in the areas that have less HOA and security in their areas, she suggests a deeper dive into that zip code. Kayla suggests if the commission wants to go further with this information to distribute the survey in other languages as well. Commissioner Beene-Clarke suggest doing the deeper dive to get more information.

**7. Advocacy Updates – Chair Lenore Gunst**

Chair Gunst opened this item by providing a general update on what the commission have been doing in collaboration with the Senior Services Coalition. Mentions there was an elimination of senior grants that would eliminate the Asian senior center and two Vietnamese support organizations that are very fundamental. The group vouched for the senior voices that are not heard to get those grants back reinstated, and in President Bas budget amendment she did include two of the three. The commission was successful in the advocacy group. 23 organizations were impacted with 2 weeks' notice, due to the county not properly informing the organizations of the budget cuts. The commission advocated and was able to get mostly all the funding back for these organizations. Special thanks to Wendy Peterson and Priscilla Banks. 90 seniors showed up at city hall chambers to advocate to not close the senior centers. Chair Gunst provided budget update information about the realities of where the city stands with budgeting. Chair Gunst welcomed Ana to provide an update on where we stand with the budget hearings during her Health and Human Services update. Commissioner Malul stated no one on the City Council is being made accountable for these issues. Also, suggest we advocate to the organizations on creating a contingency budget and having a live stream of these council meetings for seniors to come and watch at their senior centers. Chair Gunst opened this item up to the public. No speakers at this time.

**8. Health & Human Services/Adult & Aging Services Updates**

Chair Gunst opened this item by inviting Ana Bagtas to give updates. Ana Bagtas thanks the commissioners and Wendy Peterson for all their work and help. Ana Bagtas supplied information

about the budget. Informing the commission that due to their advocacy, our information and assistance budget this year is \$156,000 which is a slight increase. There is still a threat to the senior centers and other programs running out of senior centers that rely on general purpose funding on closing, everything thing is based around the coliseum sale. Ana suggested that analysis was that the impact damage would be around \$700,000 of lost revenue. This will impact head start as their kitchen is located at the downtown Oakland senior center and will impact veterans. Chair Gunst opened this item up to the public. No speakers at this time. Scott Means retired; Martina Bouey is currently acting as interim director for the human services department. Still talks about merging Human Services and Parks and Recreation departments together. September 4<sup>th</sup> MCOA meeting will be at the Downtown Oakland Senior Center and will use this meeting as kick off to the strategic planning work. Community will be invited and encouraged to be involved. Chair Gunst ask the commissioners to recommend organizations to work with in our stakeholder groups. Vice Chair Spears suggests Bryan Ricks and Charlie D with Meals on Wheels. Commissioner Beene-Clarke suggests East Bay Housing Organization. Commissioner Kalmus mic was off, didn't hear her recommendation. Commissioner Scott suggests CEO of Center for Elder's Independence Maria Zimora and Director of governmental relations Uche U. Commissioner Malul suggests Legal Assistance for Seniors and HERA, also Alameda Alliance for Health and Kaiser. Commissioner Ingram asks if nonprofits that receive money from dispensaries and can contribute to our efforts. Chair Gunst suggest Ashby Village, At Home with Growing Older and AARP. Chair Gunst asked public member Emily with AARP if she would be interested in joining. Emily is interested and recommend St. Mary's Center and Unity Council. Marshay Boyd suggests The Good Life director Shanette Merrick, and David Johnson. Swords to Plowshares was recommended. Anyone with other suggestions can forward the information to [mcoa@oaklandca.gov](mailto:mcoa@oaklandca.gov) or [abagtas@oaklandca.gov](mailto:abagtas@oaklandca.gov).

**9. Open Forum (Limit of two minutes)**

Commissioner Ingram asks, if possible, to work with Marshay Boyd on establishing an IG and other social media for the commission. To highlight what programs are going on, to get more information to the public. Commissioner Ingram wanted to confirm if this was acceptable. Public Member Marjorie Ford introduced herself to the commission and expressed interest in joining the commission and getting involved.

**10. Closing Remarks, & Adjourn**

Vice chair Spears asked if we still take August off for recess. Suggests we meet in-between time. Commissioner Beene-Clarke mentioned the thank you note for the Senior Services Coalition, Chair Gunst will draft a note and forward to Marshay, to send to the commissioners. Meeting Adjourned 11:25 am.

Motion: No Motion

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**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 10 a.m. in person at City Hall hearing room 1.

# SURVEY RESULTS: FEELING OF SAFETY IN OAKLAND, CA FOR SENIORS (55+)

**Mayor's Commission on Aging Meeting  
Wednesday, July 3, 2024**

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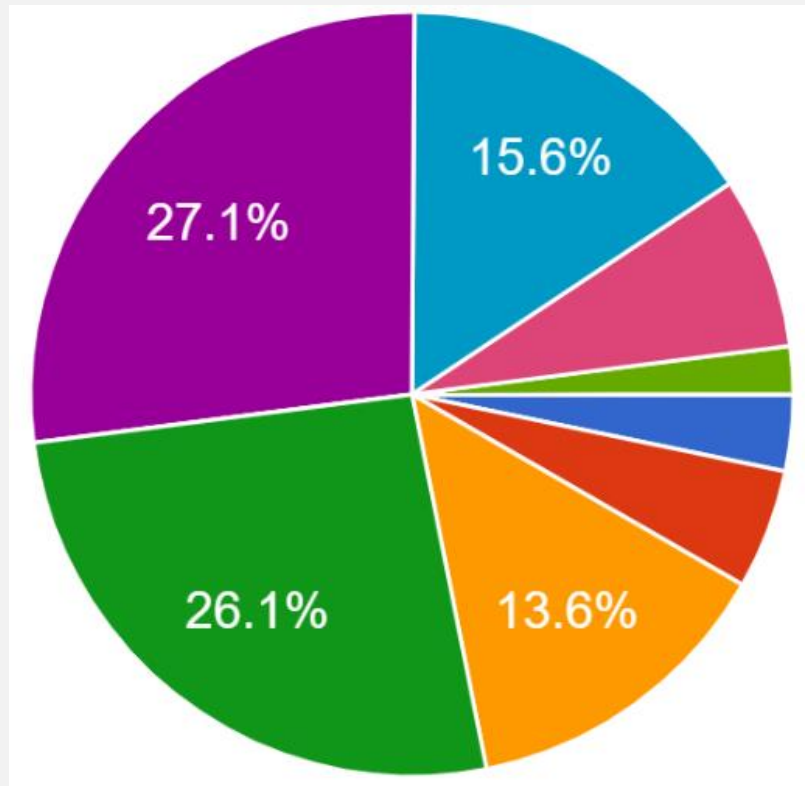
# PARTICIPANTS AND DISTRIBUTION

## **Participation Requirements:**

### **Oakland, CA Resident and 55+**

- Sent out via email and recorded call to the 4 City of Oakland Senior Centers
  - Paper surveys were available for completion at the Senior Centers.
  - Seniors were also invited to call and complete their survey over the phone with staff.
  - Members were also encouraged to share the link.
- Survey open for completion May 14th-June 2nd, 2024
- 494 Responses

# AGE

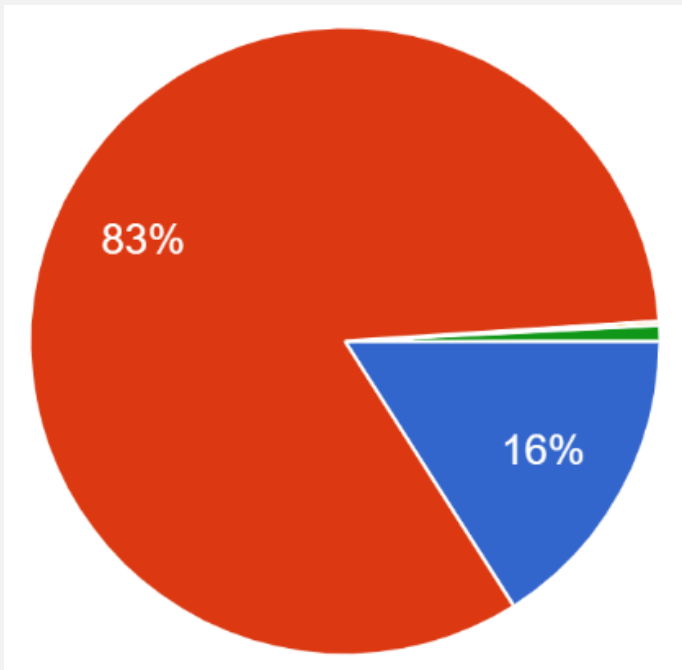


- 55-60 3.2 %
- 61-65 5 %
- 66-70 13.5 %
- 71-75 26.4 %
- 76-80 27 %
- 81-85 15.5%
- 86-90 7.3%
- 91-95 2%

# ETHNICITY

- Black/African-American 48.4%
- Caucasian/White 33.4%
- Asian 10.5 %
- Hispanic/Latino/a/x 4%
- Prefer to not disclose 3.2%

# GENDER



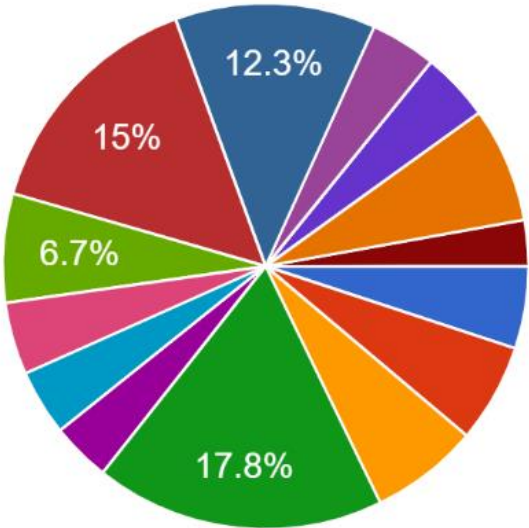
- Female 83 %
- Male 16 %
- Prefer to not disclose 0.8%
- Other, not listed 0.1%



# ZIP CODE

Select your zip code. If you are not an Oakland resident, please do not complete this survey.

494 responses



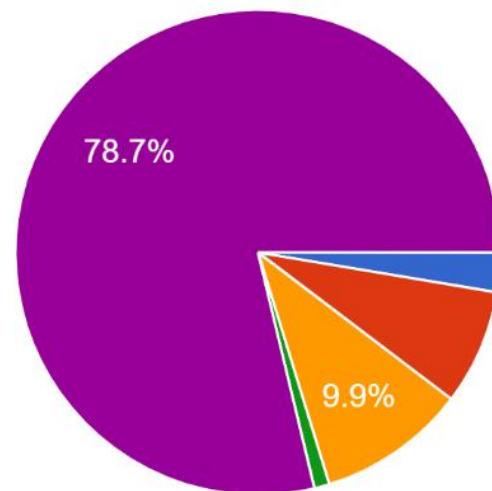
- 94601
- 94602
- 94603
- 94605
- 94606
- 94607
- 94608
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- Highest Zip Code responses:
- 94605 – 89 people 17.8%
- 94610- 74 people 15%
- 94611- 61 people 12.3%

# TIME LIVED IN THEIR ZIP CODE

I have lived in this zip code for

494 responses



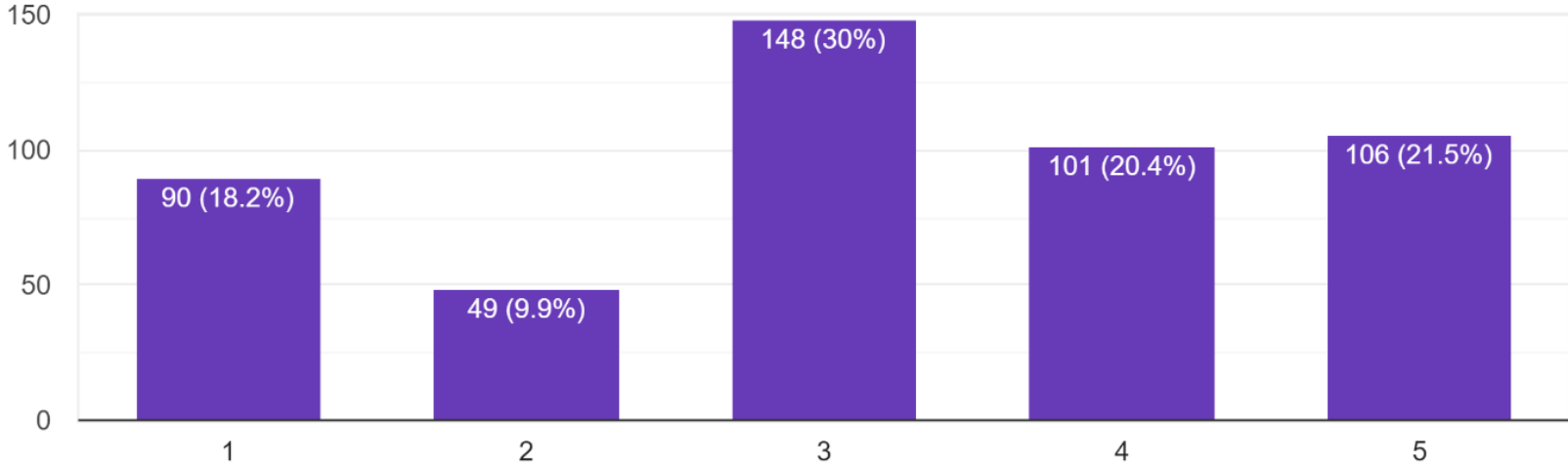
- less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 5-10 years
- 11-14 years
- 15+ years

# FEELING OF SAFETY IN OWN NEIGHBORHOOD

I feel safe walking or wheeling around my neighborhood alone.

494 responses

1 Strongly Disagree  
5 Strongly Agree

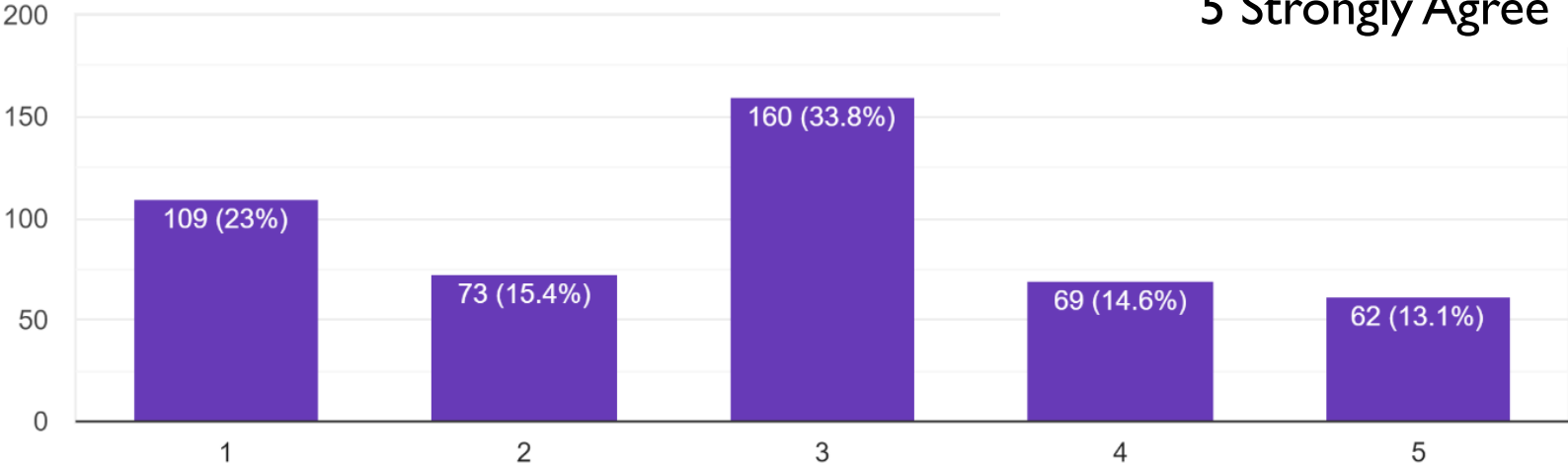


# FEELING OF SAFETY IN OTHER OAKLAND NEIGHBORHOODS

I do not feel safe walking or wheeling around my neighborhood alone, but there are neighborhoods in Oakland that I do feel safe alone.

473 responses

1 Strongly Disagree  
5 Strongly Agree

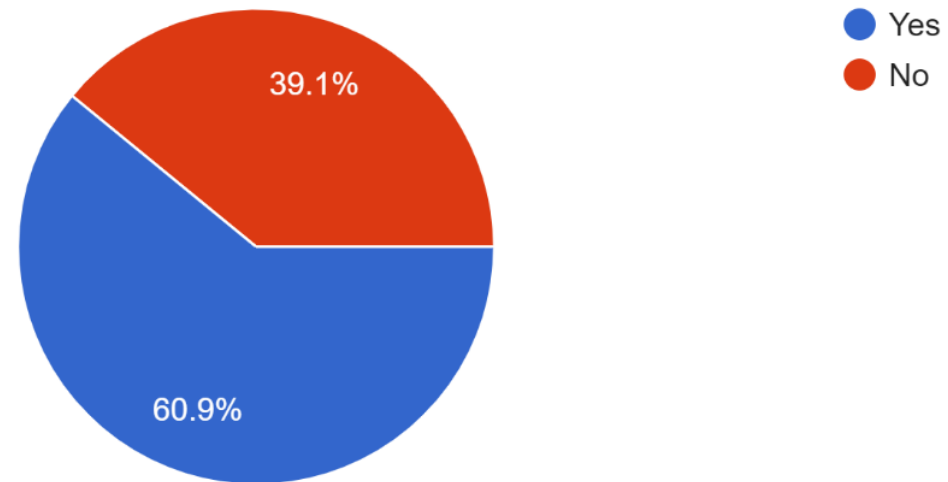




## CHANGES OUTSIDE THE HOME

In the past 2 years, I made changes to feel safer when I am outside of my home. (Some examples: I purchased pepper spray, I carry a fake wallet or cell ...livery or pick-up instead of going into a store, etc.)

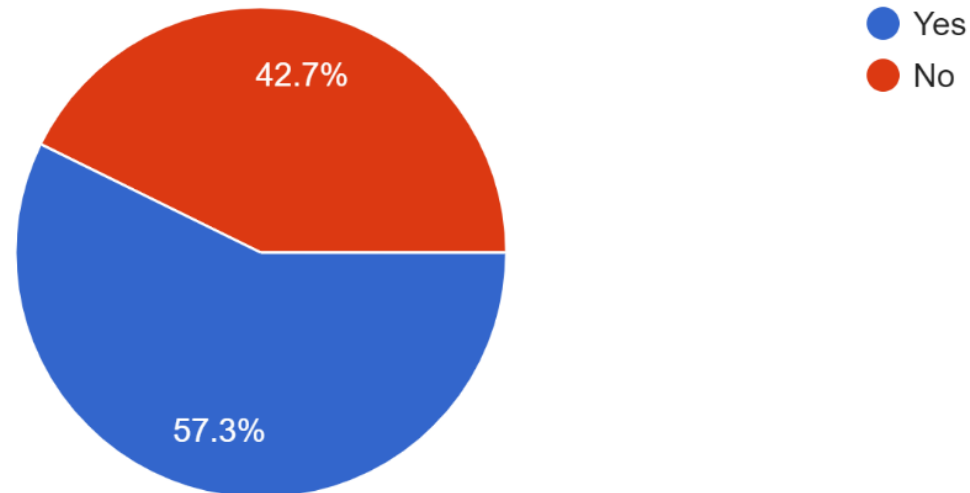
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## CHANGES INSIDE THE HOME

In the past 2 years, I made changes to feel safer when I am inside of my home. (Some examples: purchased cameras or an alarm system, and/or purchased stronger relationships with my neighbors, etc.)

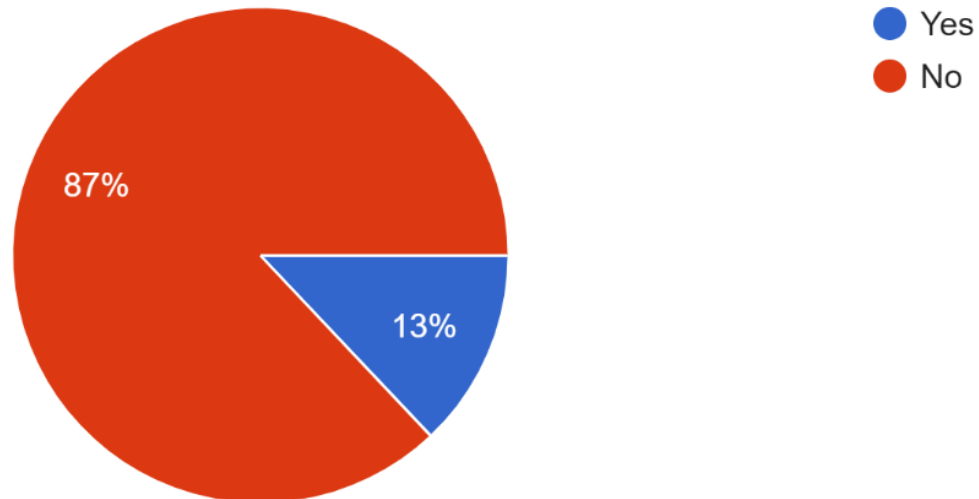
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## EXPERIENCED VIOLENCE OR ATTEMPTED VIOLENCE

In the past 2 years, I have personally experienced violence or attempted violence while in Oakland.  
(For example: robbed, mugged, assaulted, etc.)

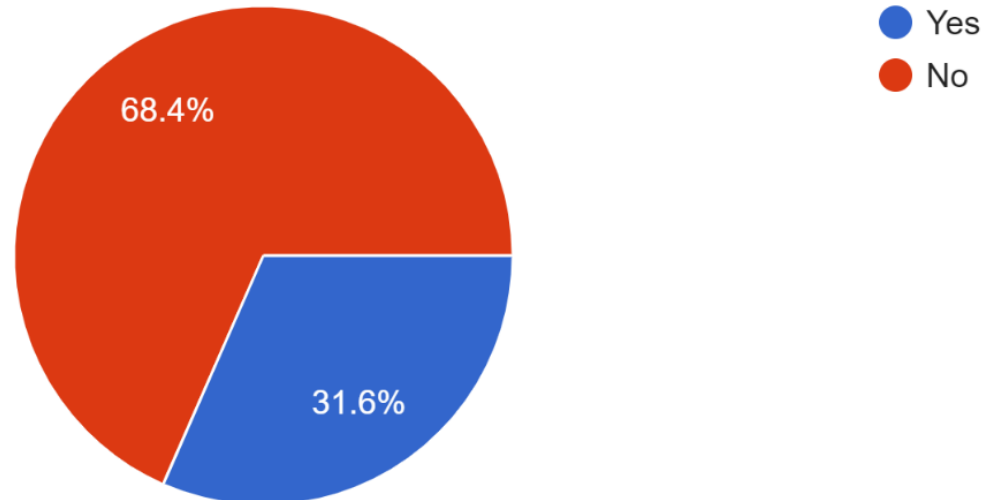
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# EXPERIENCED CAR BEING BROKEN INTO

In the past 2 years, I have personally experienced my car being broken into or parts taken while in Oakland.

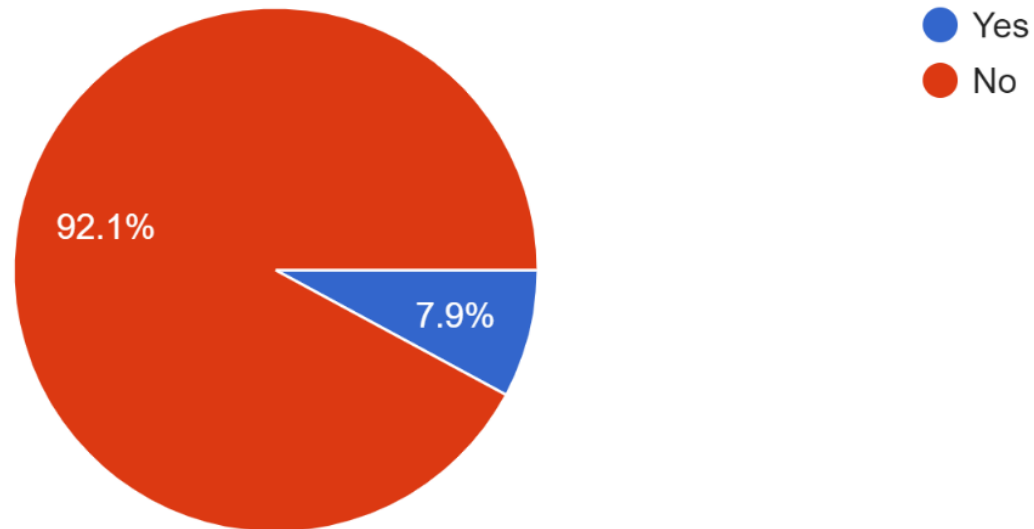
494 responses





# EXPERIENCED HOME BEING BROKEN INTO

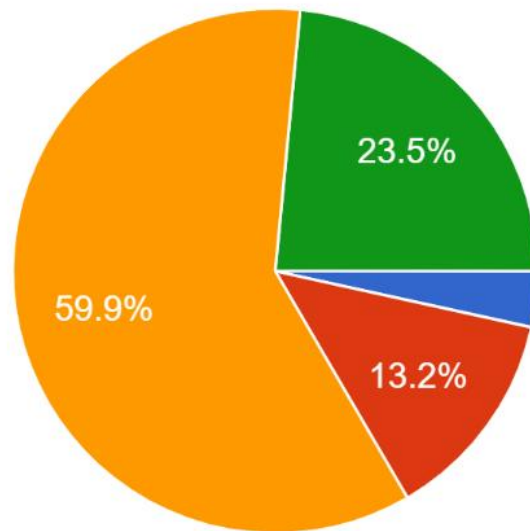
In the past 2 years, I have personally experienced my home being broken into or vandalized.  
494 responses



## GOING HOME EARLIER

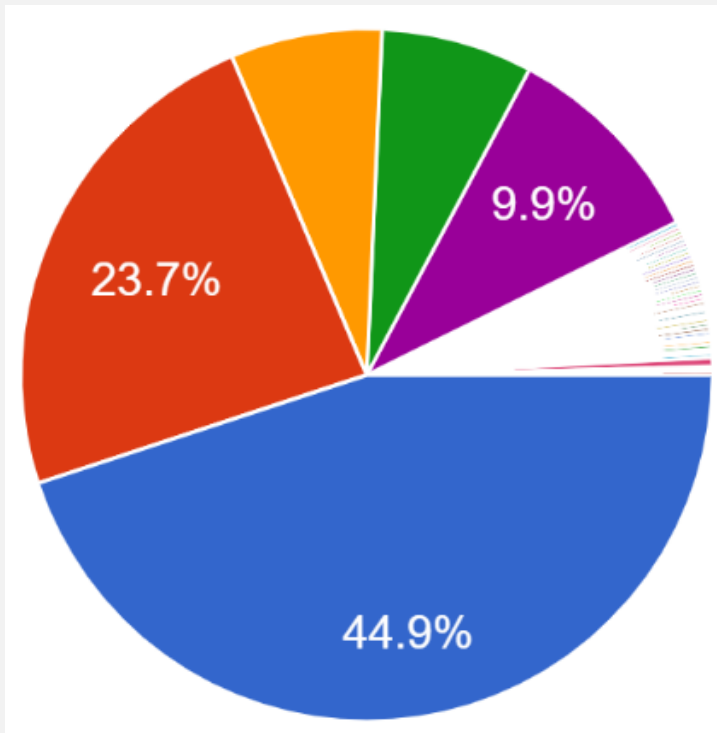
As a way to protect myself, I try to be home earlier in the day.

494 responses



- Yes, before 2pm or earlier.
- Yes, before 4pm.
- Yes, before dark.
- I do not go home earlier for safety.

## RELOCATING DUE TO SAFETY



32% of all respondents think about relocating due to safety

- I never think about relocating.
- I think about it every few months.
- I think about it monthly.
- I think about it weekly.
- I am encouraged by my friends and/or...

QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU