

**City of Oakland**  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, May 19, 2025  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Hearing Room 1, First Floor  
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall), Oakland, CA 94612

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**Commission staff:** Anh Nguyen-ADA Programs Division Manager, Mark Romoser-ADA Program Analyst I

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## Agenda

- 5:30 1. In-person meeting logistics and rules
2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

- 5:35 3. Open Forum  
Any person may directly address the Commission on any items within the jurisdiction of this Commission not on the agenda for today. Speakers wishing to address a specific item on the agenda may do so when invited at the time the item is being considered. ***There is no discussion allowed during Open Forum.*** Please raise your hand if you wish to comment and wait to be called on.

In-person public comment will only be taken during Open Forum and during specific requests for public comment. There may be time limits put on comments if necessary.

All discussion topics are first opened to MCPD commissioners for comment and then for public comment, unless otherwise stated. Staff will read any e-comments that were submitted.

- 5:45 4. Agenda Modification  
MCPD Commissioners may move around the agenda items to better conduct the meeting.

5. Approval of April 2024 Minutes (***Exhibit A***)

- 5:50 6. Commissioner's Announcements  
Commissioners will provide brief updates on their activities and make announcements relevant to the commission and the Strategic goals of the Commission. ***There is no discussion during announcements.***

- 6:00 7. Undercrossing Improvements Project Updates with Ruth Meza (***Exhibit B***)

- 6:30 8. Democracy Dollars with Rabab Zaidi (***Exhibit C***)

- 6:50 9. Staff Updates and Announcements  
Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager

Future Agenda Items

Staff will briefly update on agenda items for upcoming meetings.

See MCPD scheduler at [tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner](https://tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner).  
Suggestions for future agenda items are also welcome; email [adaprograms@oaklandca.gov](mailto:adaprograms@oaklandca.gov) for suggestions.

7:05 10. Adjournment  
(Meeting shall end no later than 7:30 p.m., unless extended by majority vote of the Commission.)

Note: The Commission May Take Action on Any Item on the Agenda

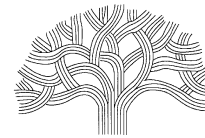
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Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)

Monday, April 21, 2025 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Hearing Room 1, First Floor

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**Minutes**

**Commissioners:** Anwar Baroudi (Chair), Benjamin Bartu (Vice Chair), Jia Wilson, Fatimah Aure, Linda St. Julian, James Carter, Raven Foote, Brittaney Creswell, Kaitlin Roh

**Commission staff:** Anh Nguyen-ADA Programs Division Manager, Mark Romoser-ADA Programs Division Program Analyst I

**Presenters:** Emma Martin, Sheela Gunn, Sarah Fine

**Other attendees:** William Santley, Christine DiBella, Niels Thorsen

**Attendees on Zoom:** none

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Mark Romoser begins the meeting with a reminder of rules for in-person meetings:

- No food or open drink allowed in Hearing Room 1 to maintain a clean and professional environment.
- Drinks must be in a closed container to prevent any spills or accidents.
- When commissioners speak- please press the top red button that says "mic" and when you are finished, please press the button again.
- To ensure clarity and transparency, when commissioners speak, please state your name before speaking.
- When a member of the audience is speaking or commenting- please first state your name and any affiliations you may have.
- Restrooms are located outside Hearing Room 1, near the elevators.

## ***Exhibit A***

Chair Baroudi called the meeting to order at 5:39.

### **Roll Call**

- At roll call, quorum was established with eight of nine commissioners present.

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Present (x)</b>
Anwar Baroudi (Chair)	X
Benjamin Bartu (Co-Vice Chair)	X
Fatimah Aure (Co-Vice Chair)	X
Linda St. Julian	X
Jia Wilson	X
James Carter	X
Raven Foote	X
Brittaney Creswell	Absent
Kaitlin Roh	X

### **Open Forum:**

- William Santley brought up elevator issues in his building downtown, and noted that his Section 8 inspection was impacted by the elevator permit having expired. Sheela Gunn added that the construction nearby was hazardous, and that Mr. Santley could be affected by rent abatement. They also noted that Mr. Santley has not received an accommodation under Section 504.
- Christine DiBella noted that the construction along 14<sup>th</sup> Street has affected her ability to use the 14 bus. About a month ago, she was stranded downtown, unable to find an accessible bus stop. She also pointed out that the design of the new bus stops is inaccessible, and that the new curbs make it impossible for someone to be dropped off along 14<sup>th</sup>, including by paratransit. She has asked to meet with the architects and planners, to no avail.

### **Agenda Modification**

- Co-Vice Chair Bartu moved to add a 10-minute recess between items 7 and 8. Comm. Wilson seconded. Motion approved 8-0.

## ***Exhibit A***

### **Approval Of Minutes**

- Comm. Roh moved to approve the March minutes. Comm. Foote seconded. Motion approved 8-0.

### **Commissioner's Announcements**

- Chair Baroudi noted that MCPD will be presenting its annual report to the City Council's Life Enrichment Committee at its May 13 meeting, and urged commissioners to attend.

### **TheCIL Overview**

- Ms. Martin and Mx. Gunn made their presentation.
- Comm. Aure asked if there was an independent living center in San Francisco. Mx. Gunn replied that there is, Independent Living Resource Center of San Francisco. Ms. Martin added that all counties in California are served by an ILC, though it might be located elsewhere.
- Chair Baroudi asked if TheCIL served all of Alameda County. Ms. Martin replied that it served northern Alameda County, that is, Berkeley, Oakland, Alameda, Emeryville, Albany, and Piedmont, and that the rest of the county is served by Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) in Hayward, with which TheCIL works closely.
- Chair Baroudi asked if TheCIL had a policy platform. Ms. Martin replied that TheCIL's systems change advocate, Michai Freeman, was finalizing such a platform, and that it could be shared with the commissioners. Major issues are long-term supports and services (particularly with Medicaid under attack), affordable and accessible housing, transit justice, and disability justice as it relates to reproductive rights.
- Comm. Wilson asked if there was a way to get services across catchment areas. Mx. Gunn replied that the California Foundation of Independent Living Centers (CFILC) has a way to find your local ILC. They added that TheCIL works closely with CRIL, which serves the rest of Alameda County. Ms. Martin added that while they don't work as closely with other ILCs as they do with CRIL, they could easily provide referrals as needed.
- Comm. Foote asked about age and income requirements, and duration of services. Mx. Gunn noted that TheCIL's youth program serves people as young as 14, and up to any age. They added that TheCIL is also part of the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), and that they don't ask for proof of disability except where needed. Ms. Martin added that all services are free of

## ***Exhibit A***

charge, and that some consumers have been connected to TheCIL since its beginning.

### **Pedestrian Right of Way Program**

- Sarah Fine gave her presentation.
- Comm. St. Julian asked how long it would take to get these projects underway. Ms. Fine replied that she had no knowledge of that, and that the topic had not been agendized.
- Chair Baroudi asked how the projects would be funded. He mentioned that Measure U was inactive for some reason. Ms. Fine replied that she had no presentation on funding, and noted that currently, funding for these projects comes from Measure KK, with Measure U funding to come in the future.
- Comm. St. Julian asked whether the program extended to streets as well as sidewalks. Ms. Fine replied that Measures KK and U were infrastructure bonds, which can include both sidewalks and streets.
- Chair Baroudi asked if there was interest in having an in-house crew rather than contracting the projects out. Ms. Fine replied that the city does have such crews doing concrete work, but that some positions have been difficult to fill. Chair Baroudi then asked if a streamlined hiring process would help. Ms. Fine replied that the workforce necessary would be too large for the city to handle.
- Comm. Roh asked about expanding the sidewalk assistance program to landlords who provide affordable housing such as Section 8. Ms. Fine replied that the programs are corridor-based, so all property owners receive a notice to repair, and the program allows property owners to participate without financial impact. Comm. Roh again asked about landlords who might not qualify and a potential spillover effect. Ms. Fine replied that there is no provision that allows the program to work with property and asked if there was a concern that the cost would be passed on to low-income tenants. Comm. Roh then asked about the proposal to waive the local and small local business provisions, and if bids from outside the city would be significantly lower. Ms. Fine replied that they have granted one full waiver to a project, that DOT's analysis showed that partial waivers were not as effective as full ones, and that not every local business qualified under the provisions. Comm Roh asked if there were other parts of the bidding process that could shave time off the process. Ms. Fine replied that there were many internal factors contributing to the delays.
- Chair Baroudi asked about the requirements for the local provisions. Ms. Fine replied that the contractor does not have to be locally based, but that 50 percent of the value of the contract must be local, and 25 percent must be small local. Chair Baroudi asked about the timeline for the settlement. Ms. Fine replied that she didn't know.



## ***Exhibit A***

- Mx. Gunn asked whether money from the Measure A sales tax could be used for the project. Ms. Fine replied that past curb ramp and sidewalk repair had been funded by Measures BB and B, which are dedicated for transportation projects. She added that it has been decades since general fund money has been used for such projects.
- Chair Baroudi stated his willingness to work with DOT and advocate for funding.

### **Staff Announcements**

- Mr. Romoser announced that the Alameda County Transportation Commission is holding two open houses in Oakland and two in Alameda regarding the upcoming Oakland Alameda Access Project, that a lead abatement session would be held in Fruitvale on May 8, that the General Plan Community Advisory Subcommittee is looking for applicants by May 15, and that the 5-year strategic plan survey from Oakland's Aging and Adult Service and the Mayor's Commission on Aging is available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16.

# UNDERCROSSING IMPROVEMENTS Project Updates

*Exhibit A*



May 19, 2025



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TRANSPORTATION

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# BACKGROUND



# Project Locations & Scope

*Exhibit A*

## This project will improve four undercrossings:

- 7th Street under I-980
- Martin Luther King Jr. Way under I-880
- Washington Street under I-880
- Broadway under I-880

## The scope includes:

- Lighting
- Wayfinding
- Placemaking



# Project Locations & Scope

*Exhibit A*

Through a combination of meetings, presentations to boards and commissions, in-person events, and online engagement, stakeholders provided **777 feedback comments** and cast **2,509 votes** in board activities.





# KEY TAKEAWAYS & DESIGN DIRECTION

# Key Takeaways & Design Direction

*Exhibit A*

## **Lighting**

- Resilient and easy to maintain
- Consider individuals with sensory sensitivities and limited vision
- Colorful lights and warm tones.
- Static lighting over interactive lighting.

## **Wayfinding**

- Directional signage should be simple and not have too much text

# Key Takeaways & Design Direction

*Exhibit A*

## **Placemaking**

- Functional and easy to maintain
- Bold colors
- Clear sidewalks
- See-through fencing (where feasible)
- No hostile infrastructure.
- Each undercrossing should be distinct from the rest.

## **Community engagement**

- Project team will explore ways to conduct outreach to people who are sheltering at or near the undercrossings.
- Project team will continue community engagement. They will also focus on reaching youth and families.





# SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON DESIGNS

# 7th Street under I-980: Columns

*Exhibit A*

## Option A

Music notes to represent  
the history of Black jazz



## Option B

Black liberation history  
and adding the words  
"West Oakland"



# MLK Jr. Way under I-880: Columns

*Exhibit A*

## Option A

Add tiles that are different shades of one color



## Option B

Paint the upper half of each column





# Broadway under I-880: Lights on columns

*Exhibit A*

**Option A**



**White lights on columns**

**Option B**



**Colorful lights on columns**

**Option C**



**Projected patterns on columns**

# Broadway under I-880: Lights on columns

*Exhibit A*

Option **A** No bollards on the sidewalk

Option B



Bollards placed at intersection corners only

Option C



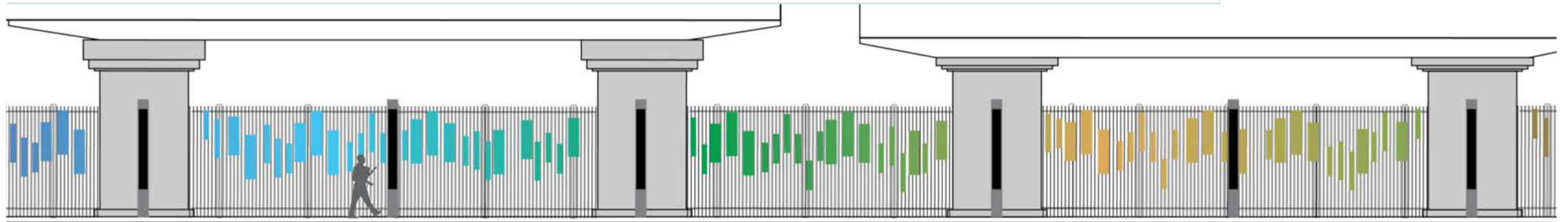
Bollards placed along the full sidewalk edge in a wave design

# Broadway under I-880: Lights on columns

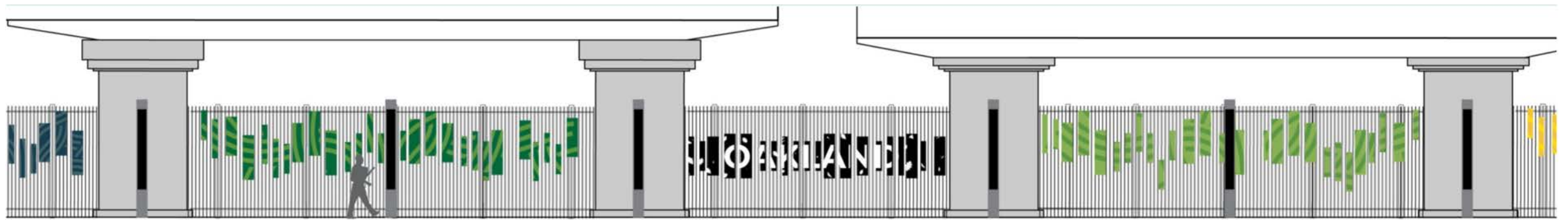
*Exhibit A*

Option A: Plain, undecorated fence

Option B: Fence with panels that are solid colors



Option C: Fence with panels patterned including the word "Oakland"

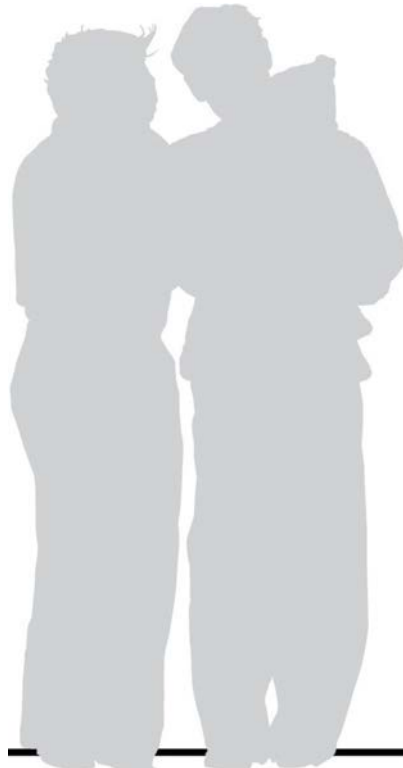


# Broadway under I-880: Wayfinding

*Exhibit A*

## Option A

Neighborhood icons



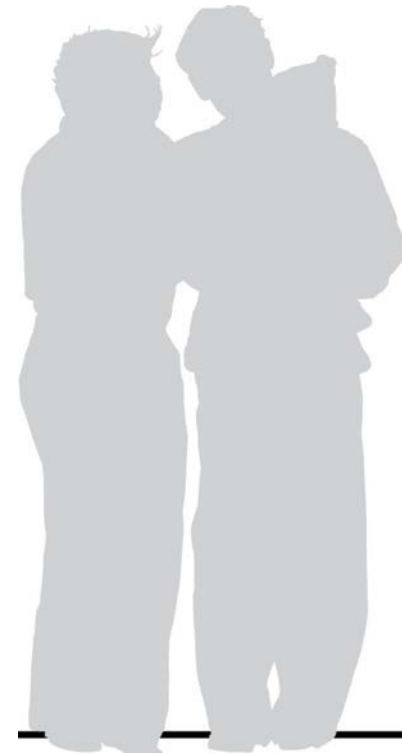
CHINATOWN  
中国城

## Option B

Neighborhood  
names in more  
than one  
language



JACK  
LONDON





# Washington St under I-880: Painted pedestrian space

Option A  
Painted  
solid color  
on both  
sides



Option B  
Painted patterns  
representing Jack  
London and Old  
Oakland  
neighborhoods on  
each side





# Washington St under I-880: Painted pedestrian space

**Do you have additional feedback about the design options for the undercrossings?**

- Broadway
- Washington Street
- MLK Jr. Way
- 7th Street

# Washington St under I-880: Painted pedestrian space

## **Contact**

[mpd@oaklandca.gov](mailto:mpd@oaklandca.gov)

## **Project Webpage**

[www.oaklandca.gov/Undercrossings](http://www.oaklandca.gov/Undercrossings)

## **Major Projects Division Webpage**

[www.oaklandca.gov/MPD](http://www.oaklandca.gov/MPD)

## **Additional Links**

- [Engagement Summary \(Fall/Winter 2024\)](#)
- [Undercrossing Improvements – Engagement Activity Boards \(Fall/Winter 2024\)](#)



*Exhibit C*

# Democracy Dollars :

*Oakland's Transformative  
Approach to Campaign Finance*

**Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities**  
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*Exhibit C*

**Our mission:**  
To “promote fairness, openness,  
honesty, and integrity in City  
government” and “a more  
inclusive, representative,  
and accountable democracy in  
Oakland”



**Public Ethics Commission**

# Everyone is talking about Oakland elections

**Who are my  
neighbors voting for?**

**Who pays for all these  
ads in my mailbox?**

**When will we  
know who's  
won?**

**Will voters turn  
out?**

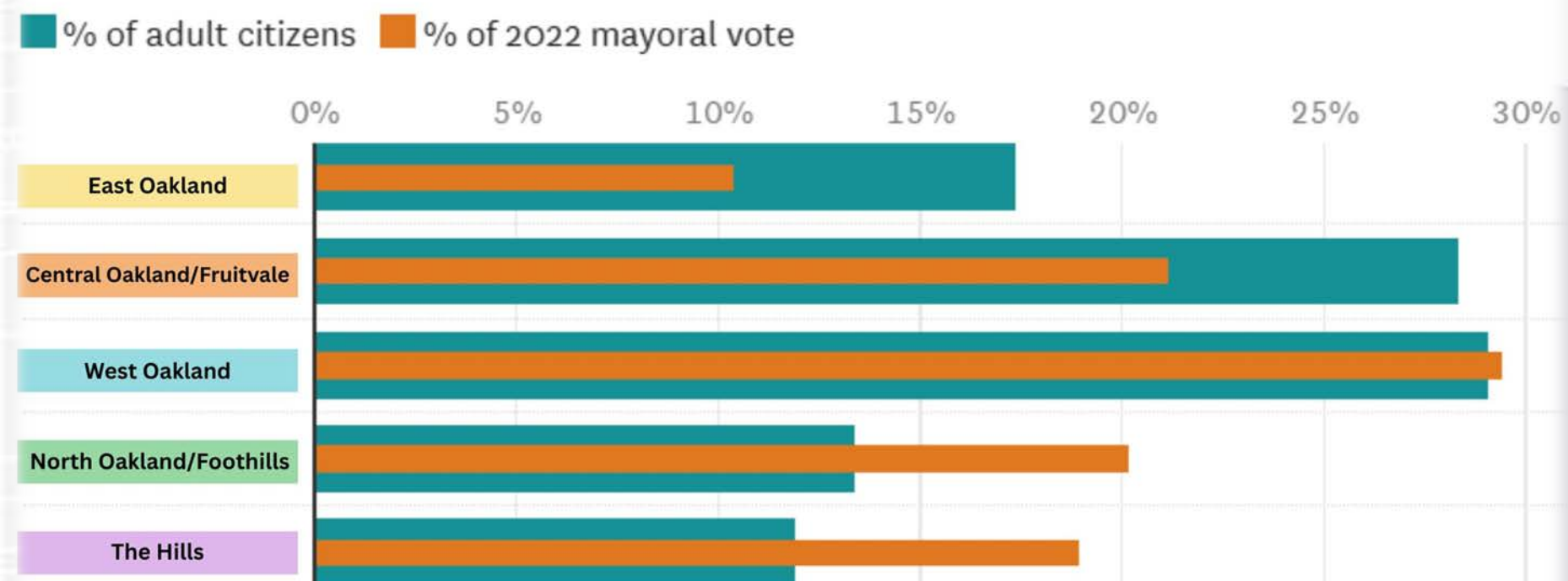




# Voting and Campaign Spending Vary Widely for Different Neighborhoods

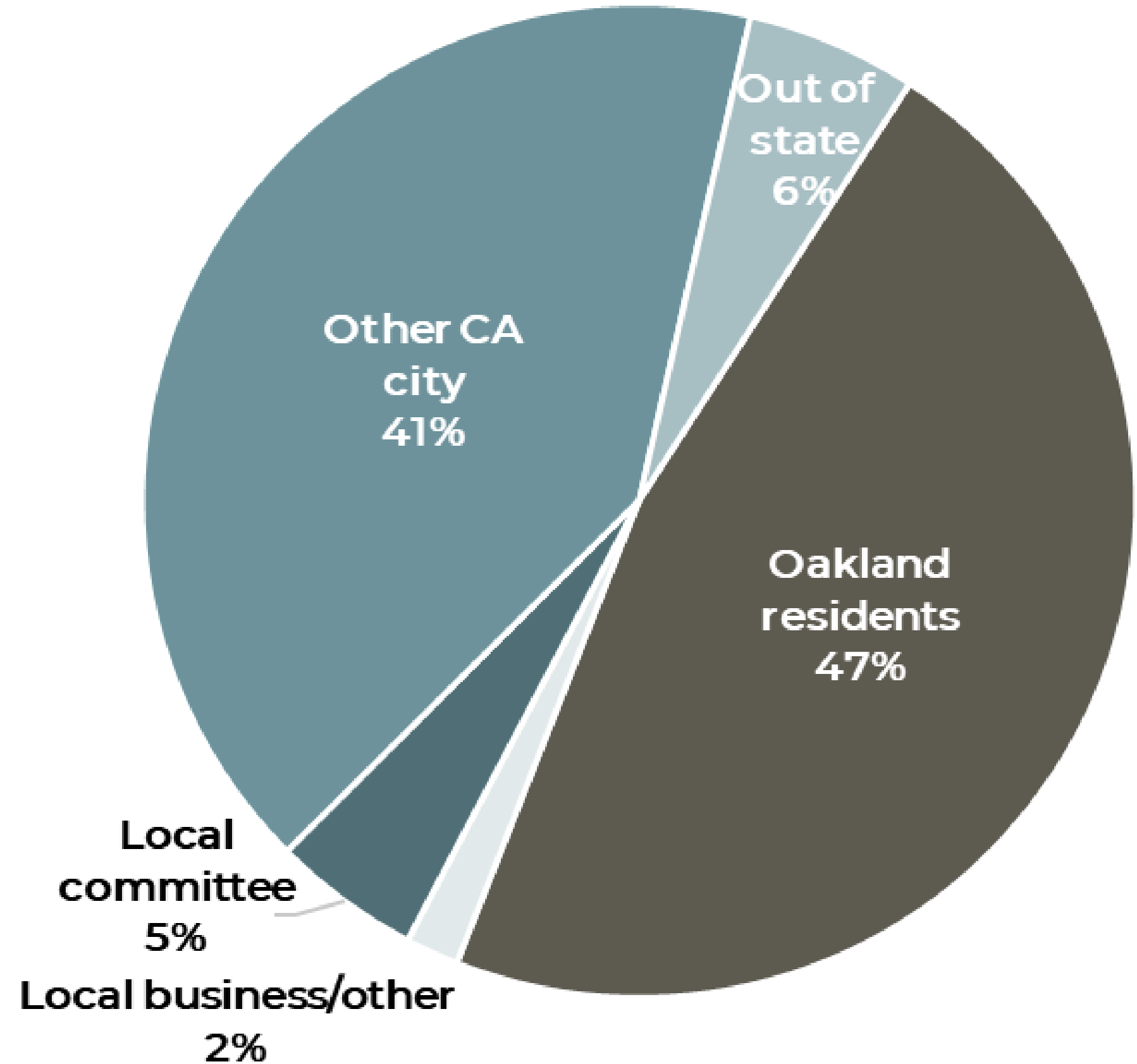
*Exhibit C*

Share of adult citizens vs. share of 2022 mayoral vote



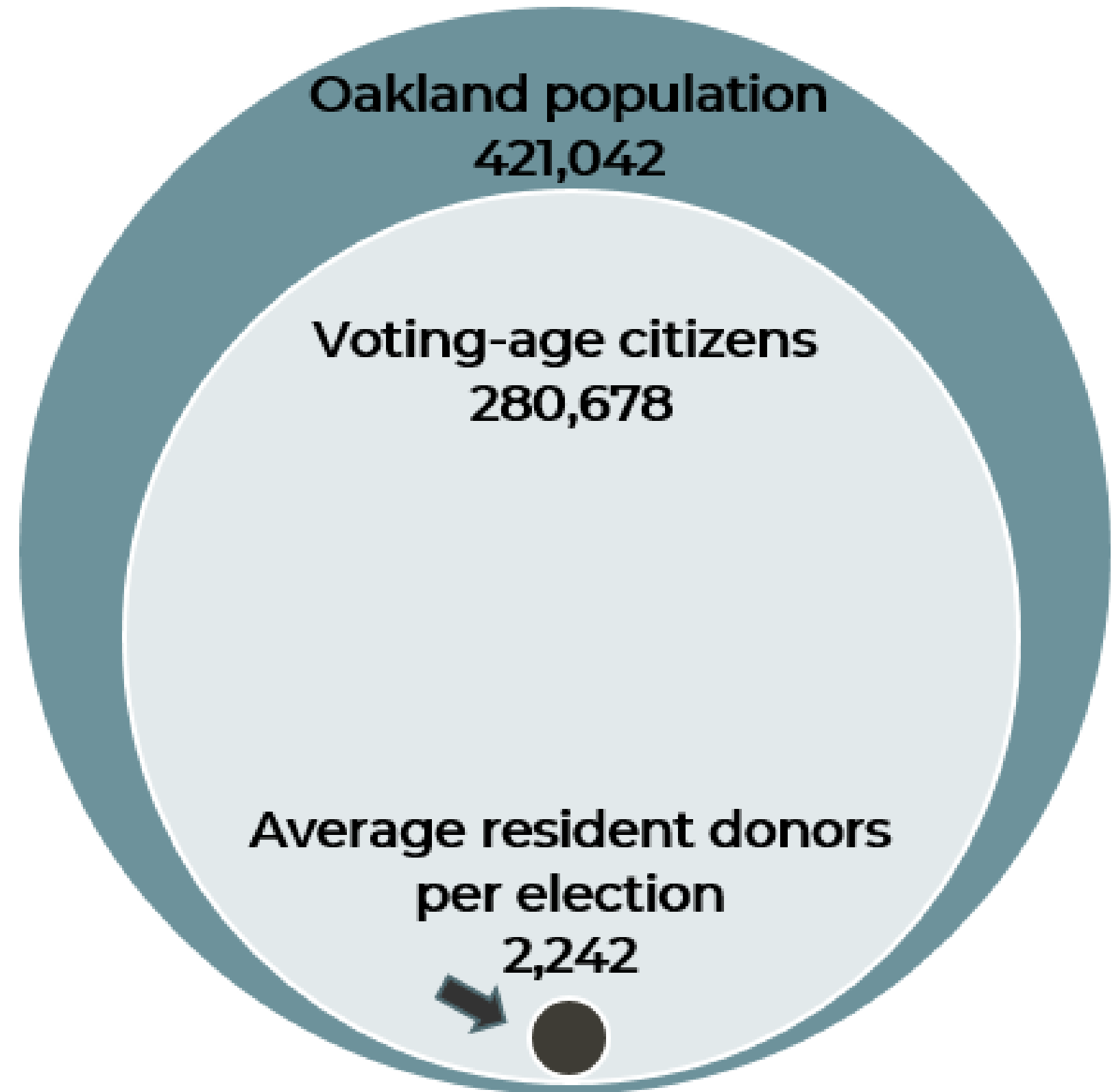
# Less than Half of Contributions Come from Oakland Residents

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# Less than 1% of Residents Donate to Oakland Candidates

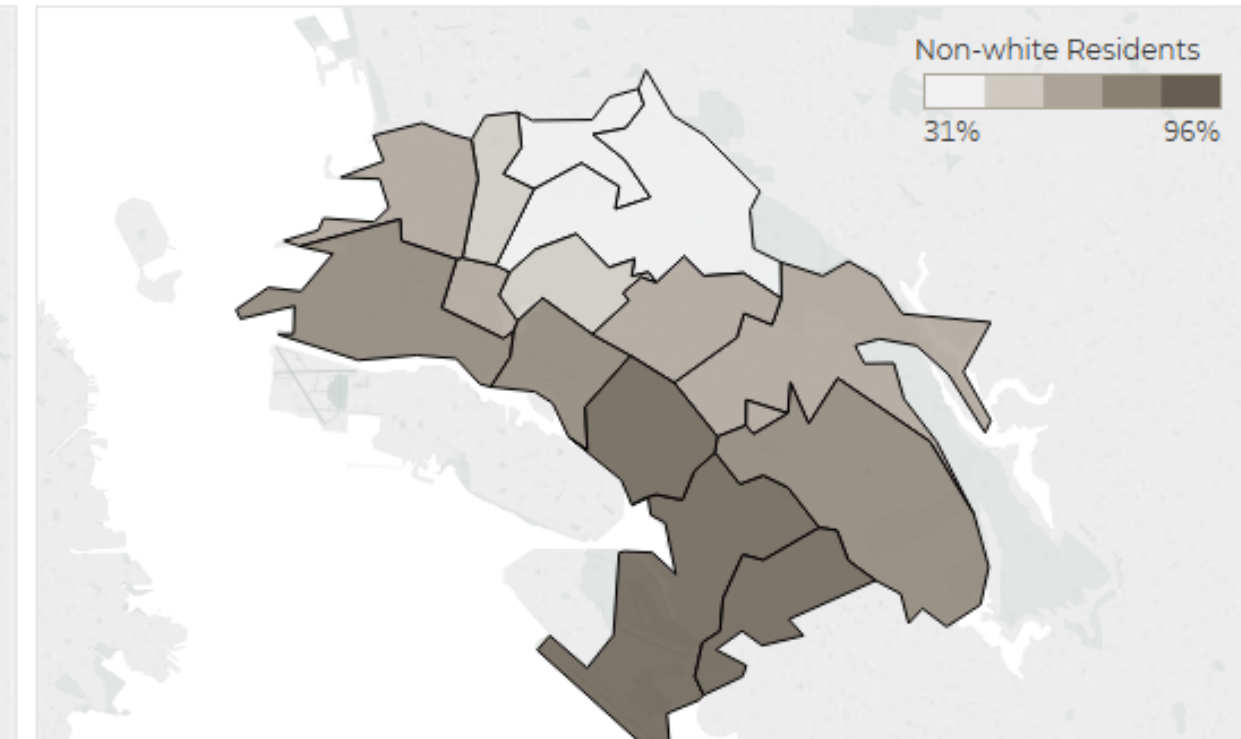
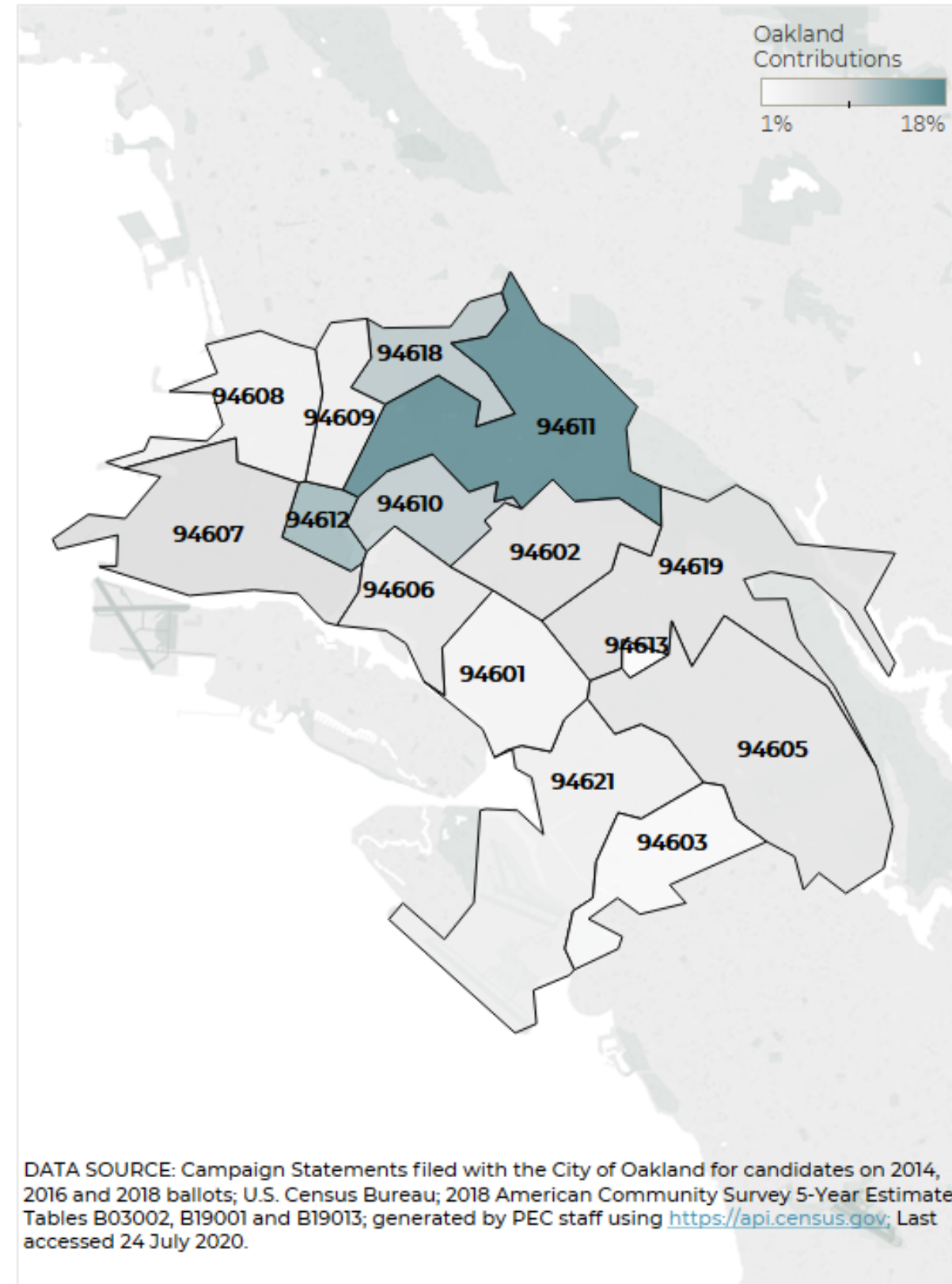
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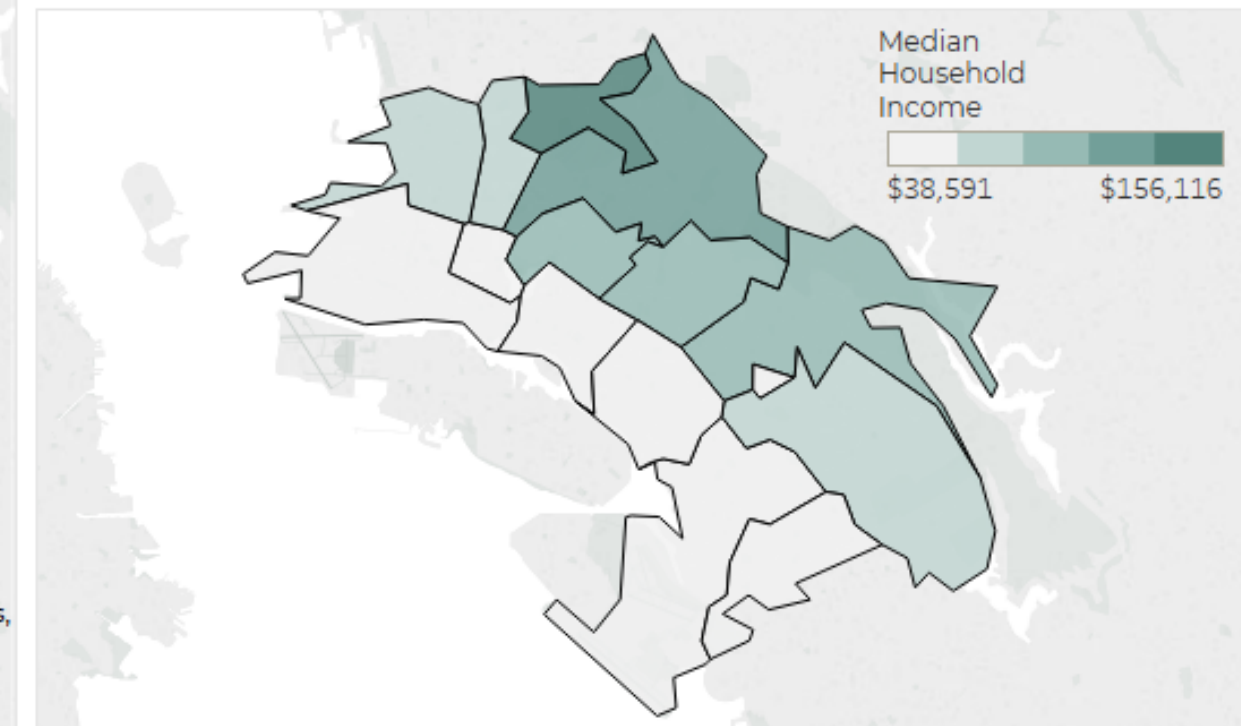


# Majority of Oakland donors live in the wealthiest, majority-white neighborhoods

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Campaign Donors Concentrated in Wealthiest Neighborhoods



**On average, how much money do you think a winning  
mayoral candidate spends in a single election?**

**\$505,765**

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*Exhibit C*

**Do you think income is a barrier to running for office?**



**Do you think donating to candidates  
makes them care more about your support?**





*Exhibit C*

**Have you  
heard of  
public  
campaign  
financing?**





**If you had coupons worth \$100 that you could donate to the candidate of your choice, would you use it?**

# **In 2022, Oakland residents approved Measure W, making clear they want a fairer, more equitable campaign finance system**

## **Democracy Dollar Program goals:**

- **reduce the influence of large donors**
- **increase political engagement**
- **make donors more representative of residents**
- **help candidates run for office even if they don't have a wealthy fundraiser network**









# Who can use Democracy Dollars?

## Eligibility for Democracy Dollars Program

- ☐ At least 18 years of age
- ☐ Oakland resident for at least 30 days
- ☐ U.S. Citizen, National, or Legal Permanent Resident (Green-Card Holder)

# How Democracy Vouchers changed Seattle elections

Successful Public Campaign Financing  
Model



*Increased number and  
diversity of Seattle donors*



*Decreased reliance on large  
donors*



*More competitive elections,  
candidates more diverse*



*Increased voter  
participation*



# How can Democracy Dollars empower the communities you belong to participate in local elections?



Exhibit C



**Priority  
Stakeholders:**

**People with  
Disabilities**

# Raising Awareness in Our Communities



Traditional and social media campaigns



Tabling at community meetings and events



Workshops and listening sessions to identify barriers to participation and get input from community members



Providing resources such as videos, brochures, and posters to organizations to help get the word out to their communities



Representative on the Community Advisory Committee or Community Liaison Group alongside diverse priority stakeholders



# In the Community

*Exhibit C*



PEC staff and Commissioner tabling with Open Oakland volunteers at City Hall Plaza and the public library.



# What are the best ways to stay in touch and reach your community for feedback and participation?

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*Exhibit C*



# Questions? Comments?

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# **Thank you and stay connected!**

## **Please share your thoughts**

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# FAQs

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