

City of Oakland
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, November 18, 2024
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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Commissioners: Anwar Baroudi (Chair), Benjamin Bartu (Vice Chair), Noah Smith, Jia Wilson, Fatimah Aure, Linda St. Julian, Thomas Cloyd, Linda Stevens, Raven Foote, Brittaney Creswell, Kaitlin Roh

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

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 October 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. Regional Center of the East Bay by Ronke Sodipo (***Exhibit B***)

- 6:20 8. State Council on Developmental Disabilities by Sheraden Nicholau (***Exhibit C***)

- 6:40 9. Oakland General Plan Phase 2 by Joanna Winter (***Exhibit D***)

- 7:00 10. 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. Suggestions for future agenda items are also welcome; email adaprograms@oaklandca.gov for suggestions.

- 7:15 11. 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

Agenda item start times are approximate and are provided as a courtesy guide only. Timing and order of items may change as part of Agenda Modification and Approval and/or as needed based on staff and time availability during the course of the meeting.

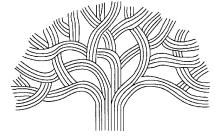


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Minutes

Commissioners: Anwar Baroudi (Chair), Benjamin Bartu (Vice Chair), Noah Smith, Jia Wilson, Fatimah Aure, Linda St. Julian, Thomas Cloyd, Linda Stevens, Raven Foote, Brittaney Creswell, Kaitlin Roh

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

Presenters: Andrea Mok, Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled; Sean Maher and Michael Enslow, CAO

Other attendees: Sheela Gunn, James Carter

Attendees on Zoom: Dawn Damiba, Ofurhe Igbinedion

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 5:34.

Roll Call

- At roll call, quorum was established with six of eleven commissioners present.

Commissioners	Present (x)
Anwar Baroudi (Chair)	X
Benjamin Bartu (Vice Chair)	Absent
Noah Smith	X
Jia Wilson	X
Linda St. Julian	X
Fatimah Aure	X
Thomas Cloyd	Absent (excused)
Linda Stevens	Absent (excused)
Raven Foote	X
Brittaney Creswell	Absent
Kaitlin Roh	Absent (excused)

Open Forum:

- Sheela Gunn mentioned that 2 homes were damaged in the Keller Fire, but there were no injuries. They added that Genasys Protect lets people find their evacuation zone, asked when we could start having hybrid meetings, and reminded everyone that the election is November 5.

Agenda Modification

- Chair Baroudi noted that the planned speakers from DOT canceled, and thus proposed to move Item 10, MCPD Strategic Plan Update, into its place on the agenda. Comm. Smith made a motion to do so and Comm. Aure seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Approval Of Minutes

- Comm. Foote made a motion to approve the September 2024 minutes. Comm. Smith seconded. Motion was approved 6-0.

Exhibit A

Commissioner's Announcements

- Comm. Wilson introduced herself.
- Comm. Smith announced that this would be his last meeting, and addressed the issue of remote meetings.
- Chair Baroudi noted that the first application for remote access to meetings would trigger the process of making the hybrid meetings work. He added that AC Transit's ReAlign process did not result in cuts to the paratransit service area, but similar efforts in the future might. He mentioned that the San Francisco fire department is holding emergency drills on November 3 and welcomes participants.

MCPD Strategic Plan Update

- Mark Romoser and Chair Baroudi gave their presentation.
- Member of the public Sheela Gunn made some remarks about emergency preparedness. They attended the first meeting of a countywide access and functional needs committee, and told everyone to look for an invitation to future meetings. They also mentioned that the World Institute on Disability and TheCIL are creating a report on the state of Alameda County's emergency preparedness, and that more listening sessions would be part of this.

Oakland Paratransit for the Elderly and Disabled (OPED)

- Andrea Mok from OPED gave her presentation.
- Comm. St. Julian asked if the Emeryville program that also serves the portions of Oakland within the 94608 zip code extended to the neighboring 94609 zip code. Ms. Mok replied that it did not, but that OPED's other programs do.
- Comm. Smith asked if there were any income requirements for OPED services. Ms. Mok replied that there were none.
- Chair Baroudi asked if OPED was intended as a supplement to East Bay Paratransit. Ms. Mok replied that it was.
- Chair Baroudi asked about eligibility for OPED in cases where East Bay Paratransit provides services beyond the mandated ¾-mile distance from a bus route. Ms. Mok replied that they serve customers who tell OPED they are outside the paratransit service area.

Exhibit A

- Comm. St. Julian asked about the Emeryville program again. Ms. Mok suggested that she contact the city of Emeryville.
- Comm. Wilson asked how reliable OPED services were. Ms. Mok replied that OPED's contractor Friendly Cab, like other taxi services, is short on drivers. She mentioned that another OPED service, GoGo Grandparent, which relies on rideshare services such as Uber and Lyft, might be more reliable.
- Chair Baroudi noted that the paratransit service area cuts which were averted were not in Oakland.

City website accessibility

- Sean Maher and Michael Enslow gave their presentation.
- Comm. Smith noted that progress had been made in terms of access, and asked about outreach and technical expertise. Mr. Enslow replied that he was working with the city's community engagement working group. Comm. Smith requested more outreach outside the city.
- Comm. Wilson asked about the accessibility of Word and PDF documents. Mr. Enslow replied that the forms on the city website would soon be moving to a new platform, OpenForms. Comm. Wilson asked whether forms worked with screen readers. Mr. Enslow replied that OpenForms works with screen readers, but PDF does not.
- Chair Baroudi asked if there were best practices for formatting pages for screen readers. Mr. Enslow replied that web pages can be structured with headers and subheaders, images can be tagged with alt text, and tools to enhance readability are available.
- Chair Baroudi asked about details of the quality assurance testing process. Mr. Enslow replied that the vendors the city has used in the past were successful and inexpensive, so he plans to continue using them. He added that the QA process was relatively easy, involving him testing the various pages on a range of different computers.
- Chair Baroudi asked about comprehensive testing on various operating systems and different versions of each. Mr. Enslow replied that the city's information technology department is not involved in that level of testing, and that the developer, Granicus, is responsible for access. He added that they have used simulators to test different operating systems, but that actually using different machines gives better results.
- Chair Baroudi asked about the timeline for conversion to OpenForms. Mr. Enslow replied that that would be determined by the results of the

Exhibit A

audit described in the presentation, and that the city has a number of public-facing web services. Chair Baroudi then asked whether there would be a public testing period. Mr. Enslow replied that they were working with Granicus on setting that up.

- Mr. Maher asked Comm. Smith for his recommendations for other groups to be involved in user testing, and that they're not waiting for the audit to be done before beginning the conversion to OpenForms..
- Member of the public Sheela Gunn mentioned that their computer has no mouse and no screen, and asked if those configurations were being tested. They mentioned that people who are blind or visually impaired use a number of assistive technologies, like screen readers, Braille displays, magnification, captions, and descriptions of pictures (which should not be generated by AI). They noted that software packages like Granicus, Veoci, and ArcGIS all had barriers to access, that Adobe Signature is inaccessible, that technical support seldom if ever has knowledge of access issues, and added that the city's deadline for electronic comments is 24 hours before a meeting, as opposed to 10 minutes before for comments on paper. They stated that user testers were needed. Chair Baroudi agreed.

Staff Updates and Announcements

- Mark Romoser mentioned that there were no announcements this month.

Future Agenda Items

- Mark Romoser noted that next month's agenda included presentations by Comm. Stevens about Regional Center of the East Bay, Sheraden Nicholau about the state developmental disabilities council, and Joanna Winter about Oakland's general plan.

Comm. Aure made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Smith seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:56.

Regional Center of the East Bay



Director, Client Services

Ronke Sodipo

Agenda

- 1) How Regional Centers for Individuals with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Came Into Being
- 2) Introduction to Regional Center of the East Bay as one of 21 in the State of California
- 3) Eligibility by Age Group
- 4) Services Provided
- 5) How Services are Funded

Regional Centers

... a grassroots movement

- Prior to and during the early 1960s
 - Only option for government funded services were **state institutions/hospitals**
 - Govt. funding for services began when a person was admitted to an institution
- In the 1960s, parents of children with developmental disabilities began to advocate for the ability to care for their children at home, as well as receive funding from govt. to provide home based care

Current Regional Center System

- The regional center system was established to provide coordinated planning for lifetime community care for people with developmental disability as a viable alternative to placement in an institution
- 21 Regional Centers in California, each serving a specific geographic area, RCEB serves Alameda and Contra Costa Counties
- Each RC is a non-profit corporation with a community-based Board of Directors
- Each is contracted with the California Department of Developmental Services, which coordinates services for all developmentally disabled persons residing in California

Early Start Eligibility

Birth to 3 Years

Exhibit B

- Infants and toddlers from birth to age 36 months may be eligible for early intervention services if they...
 - have a developmental delay of at least 33% in one or more areas: cognitive, communication, social or emotional, adaptive, or physical and motor development including vision and hearing; or
 - have an established risk condition of known etiology, with a high probability of resulting in delayed development; or
 - are considered at high risk of having a substantial developmental disability due to a combination of biomedical risk factors (diagnosed by qualified personnel)

Eligibility: 3 years and Older Ongoing Regional Center Services

- To be eligible for services, a person must have a disability that begins before the individual's 18th birthday.
- Disability is expected to continue indefinitely and present a substantial disability.
- Qualifying conditions include Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, Autism, Down syndrome and other disabling conditions requiring similar support to those diagnosed with intellectual disabilities

Substantial Disability

- The existence of significant functional limitations, as determined by the regional center.
- Limitations must be in three or more of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate to the person's age:
 - Receptive and expressive language
 - Learning
 - Self-care
 - Mobility
 - Self-direction
 - Capacity for independent living and Economic self-sufficiency

Developmental Disabilities

Does not include conditions that are:

- Solely psychiatric disorders
- Solely learning disabilities.
- Solely physical in nature.

Intake Screening

- Initial inquiry is made by phone, email, fax
 - Intake Coordinator then responds to inquiry
 - Intake Screening Form Mailed to Consumer
 - Based on screening, face to face (currently via phone or zoom) interview is scheduled by an Assessment Counselor
- Phone (510) 618- 6122
 - Fax (510) 678-4122
 - E: intakeoverthree@rceb.org

Intake Interview

- RCEB Assessment Counselor meets with applicant and family/responsible person
- Completes social assessment including developmental history
- Refers to clinical staff for review or assessment.

Eligibility Determination

- Regional Center Team including a psychologist, physician, and assessment counselor meet to determine eligibility
- Recommendations are made for both individuals made eligible and those who are ineligible

Regional Center Services Over Age 3

- Case Management and Advocacy
- Individual Program Plan- Identify, Plan, and Coordinate Services
- Coordination of Generic Services including insurance, other public programs, and education
- May purchase services based on policies established by the RCEB Board of Directors after all alternative funding has been explored

Generic Resources and Insurance

- RCEB funds services that relate to the developmental disability and that are based on an assessed need.
- RCEB is unable to fund any services that are required by law to be funded by another agency or that can be accessed through a generic resource (e.g., mental health services, health insurance, education programs, etc.) Payor of last resort.

Common Services and Supports by Age Group ^{Exhibit B}

Children (3-18)	Young Adults (16-25)	Adults (18/22+)
Respite/Daycare	Independent Living Skills	Independent Living Skills
Behavioral Support	Residential Placement	Residential Placement
Social Recreation	Supported Living	Supported Living
Residential Placement	Job Coaching/Paid Internships	Job Coaching/Paid Internships
Durable Medical Equipment	Day Programs	Day programs
IEP Advocacy	Public Benefits Education	Representative Payee
Parent Training	Post secondary exploration	Transportation



Regional Center of the East Bay

SAN LEANDRO

- Alameda County Office
- 500 Davis Street, Suite 100
- San Leandro, CA 94577
 - 510 618-6100

CONCORD

- Contra Costa County Office
- 1320 Willow Pass Road, Suite 300
Concord, CA 94520
 - 925 691-2300

In Partnership and Perseverance:

An Overview on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities



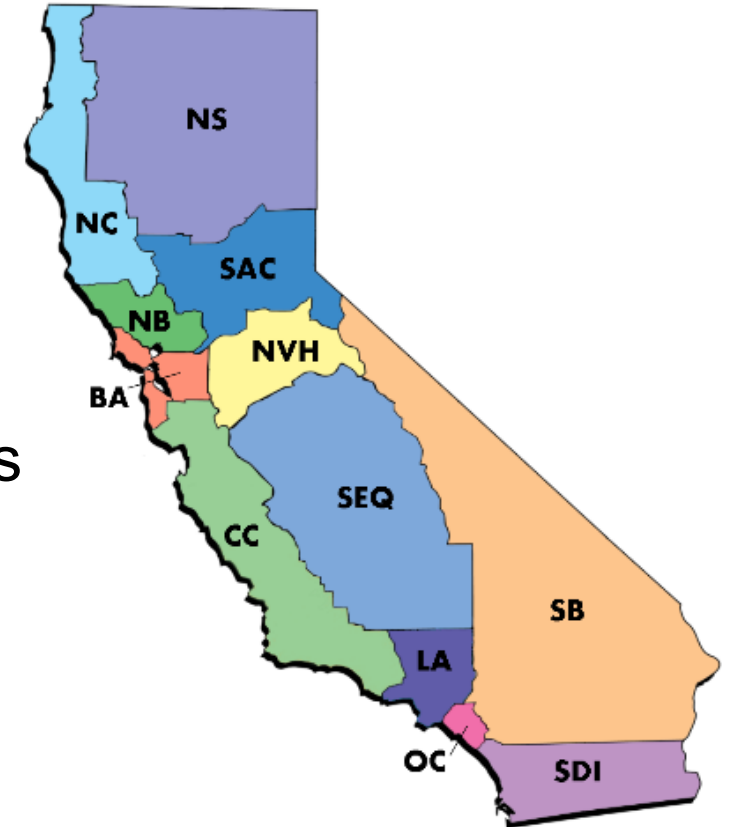


Your California State Council

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) is established by state and federal law as an independent state department.

Our Mission

The Council advocates, promotes and implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity, and inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families.





California State Council Funding Sources: Fed & State

- Led by people with I/DD and their families
- 31 Governor's Appointees
- Authority to
 - Advocate, capacity build, change systems
- Work statewide and locally, lifespan needs
- [The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000](#)
- [Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act](#)





Council Members from CA Agencies

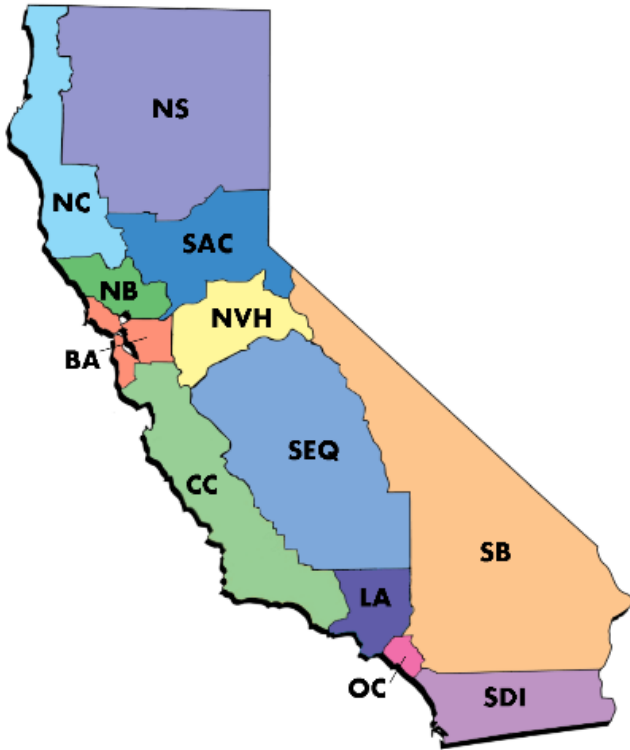


The State Council's Work: Advocacy, Capacity Building, Systems Change

- Systems navigation, technical assistance, consult
- Coalitions and Committees
- Trainings / Education & Outreach
- Welfare & Institutions Code §§ 4541, subd. (a) 42 U.S.C. § 15001 et seq Authorized Representation
- Grants & Sponsorships
- Policy, legislation, implementation



State Council Regional Offices



- **Connect people to needed services and supports**
 - Systems navigation, inform about rights & resources, etc.
- **Strive to improve services and supports**
 - Review policies and practices, identify services needed but not available, monitor legislation. Help build capacity
- **Help people become part of their communities**
 - Encourage and assist various advocacy organizations, educate the public, help the community engage in systems change work and leadership development



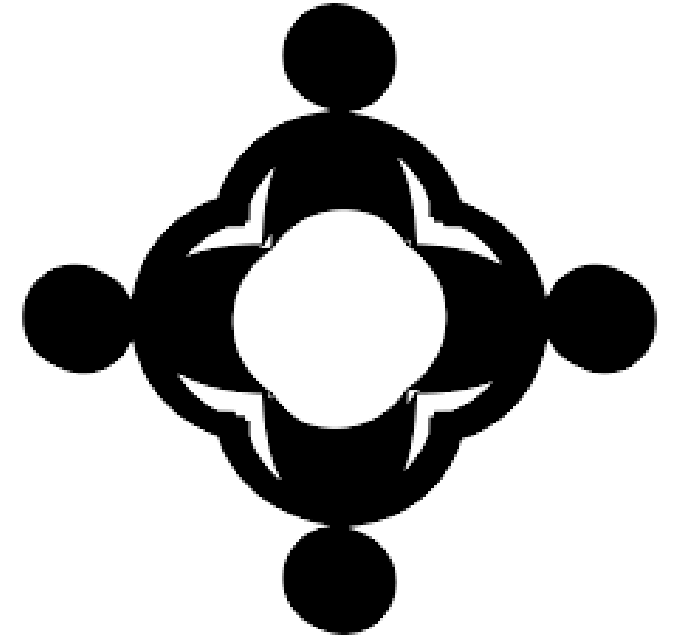
The State Council's Regional Advisory Committees (RAC)

- One in every State Council Region (12)
- Advises SCDD and its Regional Office on local issues & input regarding local systemic needs within the RAC's community
- Public awareness and outreach of state plan identified areas
- Representative of the diversity of the region

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Examples of Capacity Building & Advocacy

- Helping people with information and resources so they can become their own best advocate
- Helping professionals and services better serve and support community members with disabilities
- Done through trainings and technical assistance (i.e. 1:1 support)





Examples of the State Council's CA Contracts

National Core Indicators: Collects quantitative data on satisfaction, services, and outcomes from people their families that use the intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) system in CA.

Clients' Rights Advocacy (CRA): At state developmental centers and state-run community facilities. Responsible for ensuring that rights of each resident are guaranteed, protected, and asserted.

Volunteer Advocacy Services (VAS): For residents at state developmental centers who have no involved family, advocates, or legal conservators. Provides advocacy assistance, represent the interests and wishes of the person-served, to the extent that the person is unable to for themselves.



Who & How: Summary of 2023 Activities

- System Navigation:
 - 19,900 people attended SCDD trainings
 - 5,200 advised on solving their individual problems (TA)
- Systems Change and Advocacy:
 - 84,000 people reached directly
 - Community Collaborations with over 850 partners
 - 1,900 activities to target disparities
 - Training and resources in 15 languages
 - Systems change and advocacy work impacted 5.9 million Californians



Who We're Proud to Serve

- Self-advocates / Californians with I/DD
 - Those that meet the state or the fed definition of I/DD
 - 39% White, 25% Hispanic or Latino, 11% Black or African American, 10% Asian, 8% Multi-racial, 6% American Indian or Alaska Native, 1% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Family advocates & allies
- Professionals, Public & Private sector agencies that serve Californians



Who We're Proud to Serve (Cont.)

- Underserved communities and/or those at greater risk of discrimination and systemic barriers
 - E.g., Californians with multiple disabilities, including mental health / psychiatric disabilities; those who are unhoused or at risk of being unhoused; LGBTQIA+; elders; Veterans; rural communities; tribal communities; non-English language communities; and more

Systems Navigation Trends

Top 5 areas of requested systems navigation & technical assistance last year:

- Regional Center
- Generic services / community services & supports
- Education systems
- Self-Determination Program
- Health & healthcare systems



Many requests are multi-systems and complex...



State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Regional Offices (1 of 2)

North Coast (Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino) northcoast@scdd.ca.gov (707) 463-4700

North State (Butte, Tehama, Plumas, Lassen, Glenn, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Trinity) northstate@scdd.ca.gov (530) 895-4027

Sacramento (Alpine, Colusa, Sierra, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba) sacramento@scdd.ca.gov (916) 263-8134

North Bay (Napa, Solano, Sonoma) northbay@scdd.ca.gov (707) 648-4073

Bay Area (Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo) bayarea@scdd.ca.gov (510) 286-0439

North Valley Hills (Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne) northvalleyhills@scdd.ca.gov (209) 473-6930



State Council on Developmental Disabilities' Regional Offices (2 of 2)

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Sequoia (Fresno, Kern, Mariposa, Madera, Kings, Tulare, Merced) sequoia@scdd.ca.gov (559) 222-2496

Los Angeles (Los Angeles) losangeles@scdd.ca.gov (818) 543-4631

Orange County (Orange) orangecounty@scdd.ca.gov (714) 558-4404

San Bernardino (San Bernardino, Riverside, Inyo, Mono) sanbernardino@scdd.ca.gov (909) 890-1259

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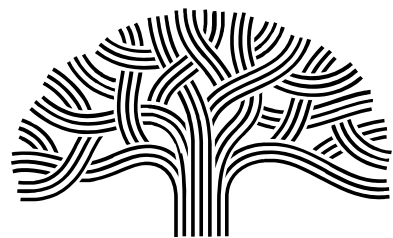
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General Plan Update (GPU) Phase 2 Overview

**Presentation to the Mayor's
Commission on Persons with
Disabilities**

November 18, 2024

Planning and Building Department



**CITY OF
OAKLAND**



Agenda

- General Plan Update (GPU) Background
- GPU Phase 2 Components
- Discussion
- Next Steps

General Plan Background

City of Oakland Team

- **Joanna Winter**, Planner IV, Phase 2 Project Manager
- **Laura Kaminski**, Strategic Planning Manager
- **Tarisha Bal**, Deputy City Attorney
- **Lakshmi Rajagopalan and Michelle Matranga**, Co-Leads, Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE)
- **Ruslan Filipau**, Lead, Noise Element
- **Daniel Findley**, Lead, Infrastructure & and Capital Facilities Element
- **Khalilha Haynes**, Open Space, Lead, Conservation, and Recreation (OSCAR) Element
- **Timothy Green**, GPAC Coordinator
- **Aaron Lehmer**, Technical Communications Specialist

What is a General Plan?



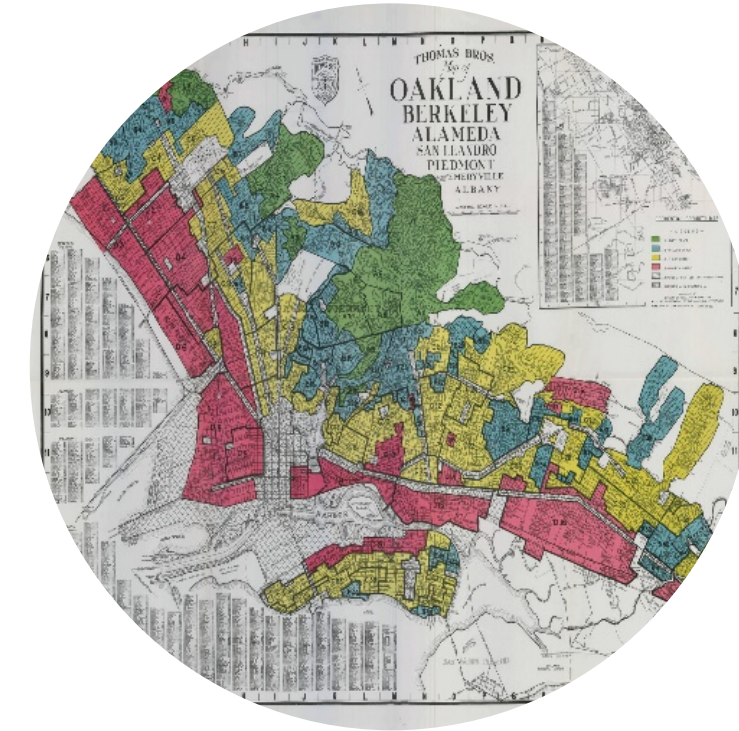
"Constitution" for development and conservation

Establishes citywide vision
and supporting goals,
policies, and
implementation measures



Identifies past challenges & accomplishments

Provides consistent
direction for future
development



Opportunity to Reduce Racial Inequities & Do Inclusive Engagement

Engage our community in
the planning and decision-
making process

How does the General Plan Affect Oakland?



Enhance parks and recreational spaces



Improve access to jobs and career opportunities



Create more livable neighborhoods



Nurture cultural and natural resources



Improve how people get around



Improve city infrastructure

Phased Update

PHASE 1:
2020-2023



PHASE 2:
2023-2026



Overview of Phase 1 Elements



Housing

- Addresses Oaklander's **housing needs, at all income levels** (2023-2031)
- **Protect** Tenants
- **Preserve** Existing Affordable Housing
- **Produce** Affordable Housing



Safety

- Address **natural and human-caused hazards** (wildfire, earthquake, climate change, flooding, evacuation, hazardous materials)
- Improve **resilience to climate change** impacts

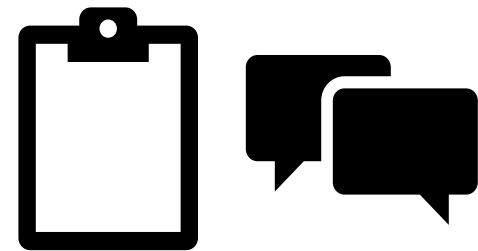


Environmental Justice

- Address needs of **most impacted and vulnerable communities**
- Address air quality and pollution; safe and sanitary housing; healthy food access; physical activity; investment prioritization; civic engagement

Phase 2 Timeline

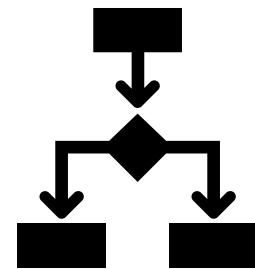
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Initial
Engagement

Build on Phase 1 input and get thoughts on Phase 2 issues and strategies

WINTER 2024 –
SPRING 2025



Develop
Alternatives

Evaluate different options, concepts, and tradeoffs to achieving community goals

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Preferred
Alternative

Combine preferred alternatives concepts into the Preferred Plan

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Element
Development

Using community input, develop elements for public review

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Hearings and
Adoption

Elements go to decisionmakers for consideration

**Community engagement opportunities and feedback loops (where the City shares how input has been incorporated) to occur at all steps*

Community Engagement



Image: Deeply rooted youth fellows and Unity council members at the Oakland General Plan table, Source: Karla Guerra



A. "Kamren" Khan, @ak2web3, and Jessica Lee, @jessicazlee, discuss their vision for Oakland's future @oaklandsaunc.



Focus on Oakland's most impacted residents

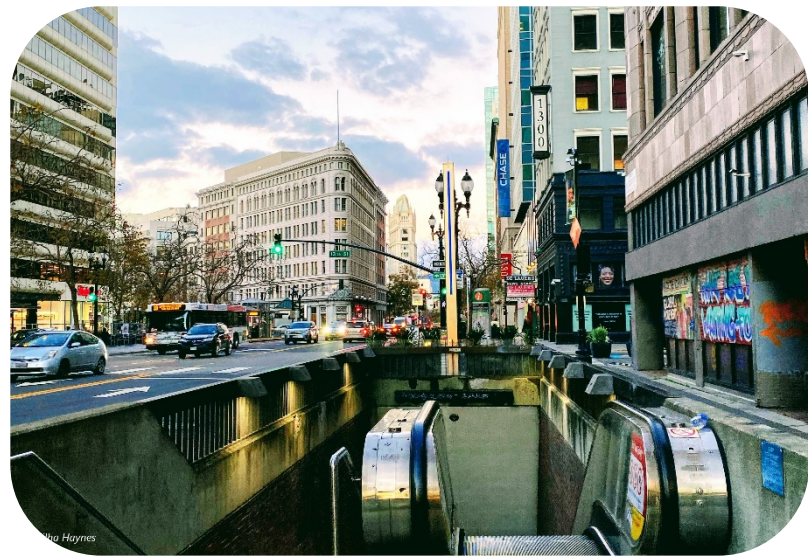
- Working class communities
- Communities of color
- Unhoused
- Formerly incarcerated
- Youth
- Communities experiencing environmental injustices

Community Events:

- Tabling at Existing Community Events
- Neighborhood and Townhall Workshops
- Discussion Groups
- Decisionmaker Meetings
- Online Engagement

Phase 2 Components

Phase 2 Elements



**Land Use and
Transportation
Element**



**Open Space,
Conservation, and
Recreation (OSCAR)**



**Infrastructure and
Facilities**



Noise

Which Phase 2 General Plan topics are you most interested in?

- **Transportation:** Build a transportation system where everyone has access to safe and reliable options to get them where they need to go
- **Neighborhood Land Use:** Create more livable and walkable neighborhoods where folks have access to the things they want and need, like grocery stores, arts & entertainment, retail, libraries, and parks
- **Employment:** Support a strong economic base in the city, including future industries and small businesses
- **Parks and Recreation:** Develop parks and recreational spaces, focusing on the most underserved neighborhoods, so that everyone can access and enjoy natural spaces
- **Noise:** Protect neighborhoods adjacent to freeways, airports, and industrial activities from excessive noise
- **Infrastructure:** Improve our city's infrastructure, from roads, bridges, and sidewalks to facilities such as public restrooms and fire stations

Land Use and Transportation Element (LUTE)

Land Use: How Oakland will grow and change, and what will be preserved and maintained

- Population, housing, and economic development/jobs
- Kinds, locations, and intensities of land uses
- Intentional focus on neighborhood needs and social equity
- Arts, history, and culture

Transportation: How destinations in Oakland and beyond will be linked and connected

- Movement of people and goods
- All types of transportation systems
- Transportation system safety, comfort, convenience, and accessibility
- Reducing greenhouse gases



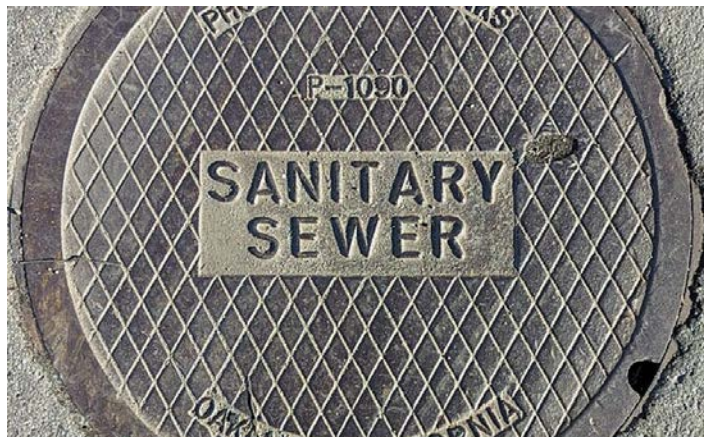
Infrastructure and Public Facilities Element

Infrastructure: plan for well-maintained, resilient, and high-quality critical systems that serve the city and its people

- Water + Sewage
- Storm drainage and flood control
- Solid waste & recycling
- Gas and electricity
- Communications (including Internet)
- Roadway improvements

Public Facilities: Support an equitably distributed, responsive, well-maintained network of public facilities that support Oaklanders' health and well-being.

- Libraries
- Educational facilities
- Recreation and community centers
- Fire and police stations
- Other civic buildings



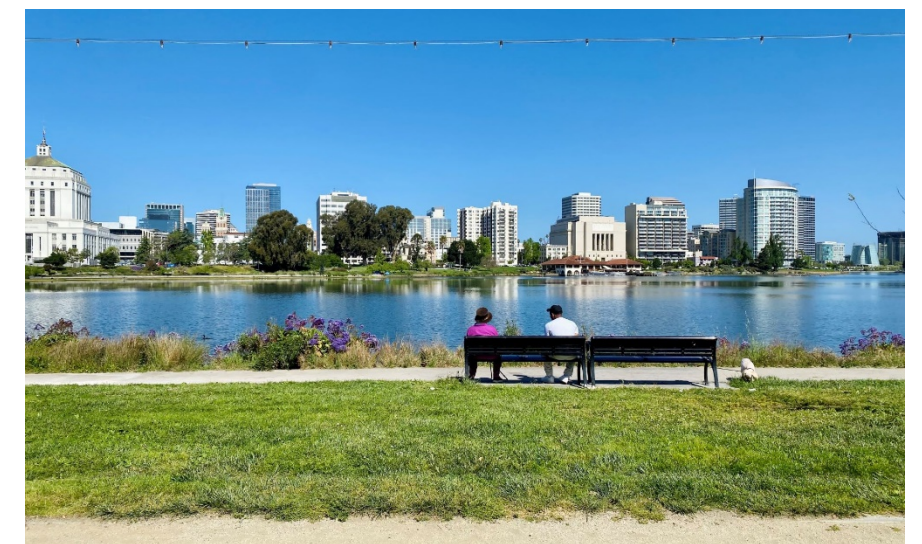
Open Space, Conservation, and Recreation (OSCAR) Element

Open Space and Conservation: Maintain, preserve, & strengthen Oakland's network of open spaces and conserve important natural resources Kinds, locations, and intensities of land uses

- Open space network connections and accessibility
- Habitat management

Recreation : Build an equitable, well-maintained, accessible network of parks and recreational facilities that support and reflect Oaklander's needs, identities and cultures

- Types of parks and distribution throughout city
- Parks maintenance, safety, and security
- Parks programming, events, arts & culture



Noise Element

Minimize the adverse effects of noise pollution on public health while promoting a high quality of life for residents

Noise sources include:

- Roadways
- Rail operations
- Industrial facilities
- Airports



Discussion

General Questions

- What are concerns from people with disabilities related to land use, infrastructure, open space and parks, or noise?

Land Use – Big Picture Questions

1. Which types of **neighborhood land uses** should be prioritized (e.g., cultural and community centers, manufacturing spaces, etc.?)
2. How can land use planning and policies create more **equitable distribution of opportunity** in our neighborhoods?
3. How can the plan build upon existing work and **community planning efforts and priorities**?
4. What are **land uses** that people with disabilities are most concerned about?
5. What planning documents or reports that address **land use and disability** should we be aware of?

Transportation – Big Picture Questions

1. In a recent City survey of people with disabilities, **transportation** and **physical barriers** ranked as the highest barriers with **financial** next.
 1. The LUTE will focus on improvements to **streets, transit and transportation networks**. How does the City improve streets other than street condition, connectivity, lighting and safety? What are the most significant **transit and transportation barriers** for people with disabilities?
 2. What **future jobs** should the City focus on? What are other **economic factors** the General Plan should be considering with regards to people with disabilities (separate from housing)?

Infrastructure & Public Facilities – Big Picture Questions

1. How can the city meet **existing** and **future infrastructure** and service needs?
2. What **specific infrastructure improvements** are needed to support the experience of the full range of people with disabilities?
3. How should these improvements be **prioritized** and **funded**?
4. How should the city address **climate resilience** in infrastructure and facilities planning?

OSCAR – Big Picture Questions

1. Because Oakland is mostly built out (not much vacant land left), how should the city provide **more parkland** in the future?
2. How can the city fund and more efficiently address **parks maintenance**?
3. How can we create **more connections** and build a more robust **network of green spaces**, parks, the shoreline, and other open space amenities throughout the city?
4. What kind of parks **improvements** and **maintenance priorities** are most critical for people with disabilities?

Noise – Big Picture Questions

1. How can the city **protect neighborhoods and sensitive uses** from major noise sources in operation (e.g., freeways, airports, and industrial uses)?
2. What specific noise **standards and criteria** should be developed or changed? How should these be monitored and enforced?
3. What are ways to **support music** and other **sound-friendly policies**?
4. How does noise **particularly impact** people with disabilities?

Next Steps

- Visit the website and sign up for the mailing list:
oaklandca.gov/GPU
- Stay tuned for other community events and opportunities to engage

