



Dear neighbors,



On behalf of my entire office, I wish you a peaceful and hearty Thanksgiving holiday.

And as we sit down with friends and family and pass our plates for seconds, let us remember those among us who find it difficult to even have firsts. To help those in need, you can donate your time and/or funds to the [Alameda County Community Food Bank](#), the City of Oakland's [Help Fight Hunger program](#), or [Meals on Wheels Alameda County](#).

Thank you so much for caring about those who struggle each and every day to put food on the table for themselves and their families.

Best wishes to you for a joyous holiday season.

-Dan

Housing in the East Bay – Much Needed Help from the State!

Oakland and much of the East Bay have been subjected to increasing home prices and rents. As we all witness homeless encampments grow, like many of you, I am painfully aware that so much more needs to be done to help our fellow residents who don't have a roof over their heads. Even though changes come unfortunately slow, I continue to work tirelessly to make sure that renters can stay in their homes and more people are not displaced, that we build more housing, including much needed housing at all income levels, so our teachers and others who work here can live here.

After much nudging the city finely identified a few sites for a new homeless navigation center, the administration is also actively searching a space for another [Henry Robinson Multi-service Center](#) building. My office is working on legislation that will help preserve existing housing and prevent further displacement of tenants.

Please follow my legislative updates on Oakland Legistar and/or monitor my newsletters and emails. If you interested in learning more about shelter options in Oakland, please visit [Human Services Department](#) website.

Since many housing challenges can be partly addressed at the state level, I am happy to report that last month Governor Jerry Brown signed fifteen bills to increase housing supply and affordability around the state. These include:

- **SB 2** (Atkins) – Building Homes & Jobs Act creating a modest document fee for certain real estate transactions to fund affordable housing.
- **SB 3** (Beall) – Puts \$4 billion Affordable Housing and Veterans Home Ownership Bond Proposition on the November 2018 state ballot.
- **SB 166** (Skinner) – Helps ensure that cities identify locations for new housing consistent with adopted Housing Element
- **SB 167** (Skinner) – Makes several changes to the Housing Accountability Act to facilitate construction of much-needed additional housing.
- **SB 540** (Roth) – Encourages specific plans in cities and improves process for housing approving housing developments including an emphasis on lower and moderate income housing.
- **AB 73** (Chiu) – Provides incentives to local jurisdictions to provide new housing on in-fill locations near public transit (transit-oriented development).
- **AB 1505** (Bloom/Chiu/Gloria) – Gives local jurisdictions the authority to adopt inclusionary housing laws to ensure that some percentage of units in each new building are affordable for lower or moderate income people.

As part of my duties as a councilmember, I monitor state bills that could influence our city's finances and operations and sponsor resolutions that demonstrate Oakland's position on key bills. I testified in the Capitol and lobbied in support of some of the above listed bills. Many bills could not be passed without cities providing this essential feedback and support.

There is still more work to do for our leaders in Sacramento, but these efforts are a good start.

[Fire Prevention](#)

The massive fires in Sonoma, Napa, and other Northern California counties were an important and tragic reminder that we live in an urban-wildland interface and must be ever-vigilant to ensure we are as prepared as possible to face the danger of wildfires. Reducing the likelihood of the spread of fire and helping our neighbors the best we can, if and when the need arises, must be high priorities.

As with so many of us, I have friends who have lost their home in the fires. And over 40 people lost their lives due to the fires. My heartfelt condolences go to the families and close friends of the fire victims and to the thousands of people who have lost their homes. As the saying goes, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to all the firefighters and other first responders from Oakland and other East Bay communities and throughout California who joined in the effort

to evacuate residents who were in harm's way and worked to get the North Bay fires under control.

Here in the Berkeley and Oakland hills, we've had a handful of smaller fires over the past few months that are scary reminders of our tragic 1991 Oakland Hills fire. **It's imperative that people with property in the hills create defensible space from the structures on their property by clearing brush and tree branches on a routine basis.** And if you live on a narrow street, **make sure the street remains clear so emergency vehicles can get through** when needed.



Dan and City Fire Prevention staff touring the hills.

For the last few years I have been pushing the City Administration to make sure Oakland has a vitally important and updated Vegetation Management Plan for the wildfire areas of our city. The Fire Department and City Administration are working toward finishing that plan. For more information, go to <https://oaklandvegmanagement.org>.

Fire Safety Resources:

- **Oakland Firesafe Council** <http://oaklandfiresafecouncil.org/> - provides wealth of resources for protecting lives and property in or near your neighborhood before, during and after fires.
- **U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) website** www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/ - contains flyers illustrating how to create a home escape plan, and how to keep your home fire safe.
- **www.ready.gov/home-fires website** - has a wealth of information on home fires and other emergency preparedness topics.
- **Emergency/Disaster related notifications** in Oakland, Berkeley, and many other East Bay cities - sign up for the City's NIXLE alerts by texting your zip code to 888-777
- **City's CORE program** – provides information about fire prevention and arranges public education and training events with OFD. Please contact Karen Cox at (510) 238-7255 or at kcox@oaklandnet.com.

DACA Resolution

One of the important things that we expect from our government is to do its best to keep the promises it makes. By rescinding the Executive Order on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) this fall, Donald Trump raised fear and insecurity among many immigrant communities in the East Bay and across the nation. Young people in those communities now find themselves under threat of imminent deportation after trusting the U.S. government and coming forward with their information. As far as I am concerned, if some of us do not feel secure in our country, then none of us should feel secure.

I was proud to co-sponsor with my colleague Councilmember Abel Guillen a [resolution](#) stating that the City of Oakland denounces President Trump's decision to rescind the DACA Executive Order. The resolution strongly urges Congress to pass the Dream Act of 2017, and the President to sign it. Our resolution encourages residents, businesses, faith institutions, schools, organizations, associations, trade associations, labor unions and others in the community to join with the City of Oakland in urging the adoption of the DREAM Act of 2017. Finally, this resolution calls on cities, counties and other jurisdictions throughout the country to adopt similar resolutions urging passage of the DREAM Act.

The City Council unanimously passed our resolution.

Street Art program – Paint the Town

About two years ago, I was thrilled to actively support and shepherd through the first paint-the-streets street mural project in Oakland spearheaded by PLACE For Sustainable Living in North Oakland. Painting our Oakland streets can be a great way to slow down traffic and bring communities together while working on creative projects.



Celebration and unveiling of the street mural at 64th street and Marshall in Oakland.

Thank you to the PLACE For Sustainable Living for making this happen.

Artist: Suaro Luis Cervantes

I am particularly happy that this program was taken up by the Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) and the Mayor's office. Now this newly expanded pilot program will allow community members to paint street murals on Oakland's roads.

I encourage you to visit <https://beta.oaklandca.gov/services/paint-the-town> for more information about the program and to apply. If you have questions, please email paintthetown@oaklandnet.com and spread the word.

Wrap-up of Community Meeting with OPD Chief Kirkpatrick

Last month I hosted a meeting at the North Oakland Senior Center to introduce the North Oakland community to Oakland Police Department (OPD) Chief Anne Kirkpatrick. Kirkpatrick was formally sworn in as Oakland's new Police Chief in late February of this year. At the community meeting, Chief Kirkpatrick shared her vision for policing in Oakland and answered questions from residents in attendance. The Chief pledged to complete the remaining compliance tasks of the Federal Court-approved Settlement Agreement, which OPD has been under for many years. Representing OPD Area 2 (North Oakland) command leadership, Special Resource Commander Rich Vierra also attended and answered resident questions. I would like to thank Chief Kirkpatrick, Acting Lt. Vierra, and the residents in attendance for the discussion.



Chief Kirkpatrick is an attorney and also holds a master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Memphis, earned in 1984. Her Juris Doctorate is from Seattle University Law School in 1989 and she has a BA in business administration from King College in 1982. She is FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development School certified. Chief Kirkpatrick is a former deputy chief in Chicago, and former Chief of Police in Spokane, Washington.

Every Month Should be Domestic Violence Awareness Month

For decades, October has been widely recognized by organizations and governments as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In order to draw public attention to the scourge of domestic violence that still harms our community, the Oakland City Council periodically issues a resolution regarding domestic violence awareness month.

On October 3rd, the Oakland City Council approved a resolution I introduced with my colleagues Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney and Vice-mayor Annie Campbell Washington,

proclaiming October 2017 Domestic Violence Awareness month. Representatives from the Family Violence Law Center, A Safe Place, Alameda County Family Justice Center, and the Special Victims Unit of the Oakland Police Department attended the October 3rd City Council meeting and spoke about their work addressing domestic violence in Oakland.

Domestic violence is a very serious problem every month of the year! The Domestic Violence Unit of the Oakland Police Department (OPD) is one of the highest volume investigative units within OPD's Criminal Investigation Division, receiving nearly 300-400 reports per month. Survivors of domestic violence must deal with the effects of physical injuries, long-term psychological damage, financial instability, difficulty securing employment, and trouble finding safe housing. In many cases, traumatized children are the silent victims in homes where domestic violence occurs and this trauma has detrimental impacts upon a child's cognitive and emotional development. Such trauma significantly increases an exposed child's risk for behavioral problems during childhood as well as the potential for becoming an abuser or engaging in criminal violence as an adult.

We must not become numbed by the frequency of domestic violence into acting like it is normal or something that does not affect our own lives. Domestic violence anywhere in our community affects all of us. If you see or become aware of domestic violence, report it. Earlier this month, my wife and I heard screams that turned out to be a case of domestic violence. [See my accounting of the details of that incident here.](#)

Here are some phone numbers to access helpful services:

Oakland Police Department:

- **OPD 24-hour intake, Special Victims Section** (for information or to connect to your investigator) – **(510) 238-3641**
- **Family Violence Law Center:** 24-hour Crisis Hotline – **(800) 947-8301**
- **Alameda County Family Justice Center:** Client Navigators (consultants can link you services) – **(510) 267-8800**
- **A Safe Place** (shelter): 24-Hour Crisis Line – **(510) 536-7233**

Dan's Community Office Hours

December 2nd, 2017

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

MLK Café

3860 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

February 3rd, 2018

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Nomad Café

6500 Shattuck Avenue

District One and Citywide Events

Friday, November 24th – 26th – Temescal Business District Plaid Friday Weekend

When: Friday, November 24th – 26th, 11:00 am

Where: 470 49th Street in Oakland's Temescal District and throughout Temescal

The holiday season is here! This is a great time to support our local businesses. Get your "passport" stamped by visiting a few participating businesses and you have the chance to win a prize!

For more information, please visit the Temescal BID Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/152957278654320/>

Monday, November 27th – Community Meeting about California College of the Arts development

When: Monday, November 27th, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Where: Oakland Technical High School Library, 4351 Broadway

Councilmember Dan Kalb, the California College of the Arts (CCA), along with local developers Equity Community Builders and Emerald Fund, invite you to join them at a community meeting to learn about future reuse plans for the Oakland CCA campus, ask questions, and provide input.

For more information or to RSVP to this event, please contact CCA Community Relations Consultant Tracy Craig at (510) 334-4866 or tracy@craig-communications.com.

Tuesday, November 28th – Meals on Wheels Giving Tuesday

When: Tuesday, November 28th

Where: <https://sosmow.org/donate/>

Service Opportunity for Seniors (S.O.S.) Meals on Wheels depends on community donations to be able to bring home-delivered meals to our seniors and provide a daily safety check-in. Help make sure that some of our most vulnerable community members have a happy and safe holiday season.

Friday, December 1st – Youth Radio Open House

When: Friday, December 1st, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Where: Youth Radio Headquarters, 1701 Broadway

Youth Radio is opening their doors to the community at their headquarters in Oakland — come learn about Youth Radio programs and take a tour. Join them in celebrating all the incredible work produced by our young storytellers, media-makers, and creatives.

For more information about this event or to RSVP, please

visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-radio-open-house-121-tickets-39926541360>

Saturday, December 2nd – 9th Annual Piedmont Avenue Tree Lighting and Stroll

When: Saturday, December 2nd, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: Piedmont Ave. & 41st Street

For more information please visit: <http://www.piedmontavenue.org/tree-lighting-2017>

Sunday, December 3rd – Temescal Holiday Fair

When: Sunday, December 3rd, 11 am – 5 pm

Where: 49th Street @ Telegraph & Temescal Alleys

The holiday season is here and the Temescal Business Improvement District is organizing a Temescal Holiday Fair for Bay Area shoppers to find beautiful unique gifts while supporting Temescal's independent artists. Enjoy holiday entertainment and cheer with a free petting zoo, photo booth and hot chocolate by Dona Tomas.

For more information about this event, please

visit: http://temescaldistrict.org/hip_happenings

Sunday, December 3rd – Oakland Public Library Advocates 5th Annual Holiday Mixer

When: Sunday, December 3rd, 1 pm – 3 pm

Where: Oakland African American Museum and Library, 659 14th Street

Enjoy food, festivities, and an inspiring program at this annual Oakland Public Library appreciation event.

Come hear a powerful performance by Oakland's 2017 Vice Youth Poet Laureate, Leila Mottley. OPL's staff will share about new exciting projects, including Sound Mixing Studios, Grandparents' Day, Junior Carpenters Club, and Operation Toolbox.

To RSVP and for more information, please visit: <https://mixer2017.brownpapertickets.com/>

Tuesday, December 5th – Annual Holiday Party and Toy-Drive

When: Tuesday, December 5th, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Where: West Oakland Youth Center, 3233 Market Street

Please join Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Assemblymember Rob Bonta and Supervisor Keith Carson at this exciting event. Get into the holiday spirit by giving to families in need this

year. Please bring an unwrapped, unused toy to benefit the Emeryville Community Action Program's toy drive.

For more information about this event, please

visit: <http://theregistrybayarea.com/event/annual-holiday-party-toy-drive/>

Sunday, December 10th – Golden Gate Community Association Holiday Party

When: Sunday, December 10th, 4 pm – 7 pm

Where: Charles Porter Memorial Recreation Center, 1075 62nd Street

Join the Golden Gate Community Association for their annual holiday party. This is a potluck so please bring a dish to share. There will also be a live band.

To RSVP or for more information about this event, please contact Angela Gennino at agennino@goldengateca.org

Wednesday, December 13th – Longfellow Community Association's Holiday Party

When: Wednesday, December 13th, 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Where: The Apgar Collective, 947 Apgar Street

Come out and meet your neighbors, bring a dish, snack, dessert, or holiday delight to share.

This year, the party is going to be outside, so please be prepared and dress warm.

There will also be a silent auction. Please

visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/540369559648347/> if you have an auction item to donate or know a great resource for items.

Wednesday, January 10th – Longfellow Community Association Meeting (BART Underpass Lighting Discussion)

When: Wednesday, January 10th, 7:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Where: North Oakland Community Charter School (NOCCS), 1000 42nd Street

At their January meeting Longfellow Community Association will be hosting representatives from Urban Planning Partners, ARUP, and BART to hear about a conceptual lighting design for the 40th Street underpass near BART. BART representatives are looking to gather input from the community and help to select the preferred conceptual design.

For more information about this event, please visit the Longfellow Community Association's Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/527695730909711/>

Monday, January 15 – Councilmember Kalb’s Annual MLK Day of Service – Blood Drive

When: Monday, January 15th, 1 pm – 4 pm

Where: American Red Cross Oakland Blood Center, 6230 Claremont Ave.

Join Councilmember Kalb in a Day of Service event. Blood donations save countless lives and Dan invites the community to participate. It takes only an hour of your time and that is time well sent to help save a life.

To sign-up for a time slot and for more information about the process, please contact American Red Cross Coordinator for the Blood Center Geri Hernandez at Geri.Hernandez@redcross.org

Dan Kalb in the community



Dan speaking at the Rally in Sacramento in support of The Disclose Act campaign finance transparency bill. It passed and was signed into law by Governor Brown.



Dan speaking with kindergarten students and parents at Kaiser Elementary School about one of the city's K-College programs.



Dan was proud to have been the Grand Marshal at this year's Piedmont Avenue Halloween Parade.



Dan with Steph Curry and city colleagues at the grand re-opening of the Bushrod Park gymnasium.

Yours truly,

Dan Kalb [Oakland City Councilmember, District One](#)

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