



# Dan's September Newsletter

Greetings {{FirstName or 'Neighbor'}},

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The City Council resumed its normal formal activities on Tuesday, September 12th, with Council committee meetings. We are considering key legislation and many other items before the end of the year as we look to address the most pressing issues facing Oakland right now. At the forefront of most everyone's mind is the serious challenge of public safety. Crime in Oakland has gone up over the past year and we are working diligently to address this reality.

**Yesterday, September 19th, the city council passed a Public Safety Resolution that I sponsored.** This resolution will (1) improve our 911 dispatch system by working to recruit *and* retain dispatchers and address grand jury recommendations, (2) moves forward a lateral police academy that could hire experienced officers, (3) requests additional FBI investigators to help OPD investigate homicides and shootings, (4) authorizes high-tech cameras on freeway on-ramps and creates a grant program so retail business associations can purchase such cameras, (5) starts the process for the Chief of Police to institute a permanent neighborhood beat officer deployment plan and to look seriously at instituting a citywide community ambassador deployment plan as well, (6) bolsters our CeaseFire violence intervention program, (7) seeks additional funds for vital reentry programs in Alameda County, (8) urges OPD to step up their operations in coordination with federal authorities to confiscate illegal guns, (9) takes action to expand Oakland's MACRO civilian response program, and more. Implementation of this Resolution will help us address the increase in crime that we have seen in our city.

Additionally, I'm working on an ordinance updating the enabling ordinance for the Police Commission, the Community Police Review Agency and the Office of the Inspector General, along with Councilmember Jenkins. My office is also working on an ordinance adding a firearm procurement policy to the Oakland Municipal Code, along with Councilmember Kaplan.

As always, we must take a comprehensive approach to public safety and crime reduction. Prevention, Intervention and Enforcement are all part of the answer. I support having sufficient police officer overtime, improving 911 dispatch hiring and retention, and walking beat officers where needed. Restoring the budget of the Department of Violence Prevention and building our CeaseFire and MACRO programs over time is also critically important.

Best,  
**Dan**

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## Oakland's Police Chief Search

As mentioned in my last newsletter, the Oakland Police Commission solicited community input on what the next Oakland Police Chief should have as qualifications and experience, as well as what their priorities should be. The Police Commission has taken that feedback and has a draft of the job description on their [website](#). I'm glad the commission has taken the public's feedback and I hope they can act fast in recruiting, interviewing candidates, and selecting the finalists for the position of our permanent Chief of Police.

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## Embarcadero West Project



The City of Oakland's Department of Transportation is seeking consultant proposals for the design of [Embarcadero West Rail Safety and Access Improvements](#). Located on Embarcadero West from Adeline Street to Oak Street, the project will deliver complex transportation infrastructure elements to improve safety and accessibility, strengthen connectivity, and increase access between Oakland's Downtown, West Oakland, the Port of Oakland, and the historic waterfront. As a vital freight rail and regional rail corridor, this project will deliver safety and transit benefits for Oaklanders and visitors, while supporting the region's economy and goods movement.

The prime consultant responding to the request for proposals must be licensed to practice civil engineering in California. Applicants must meet Oakland's local business requirements, and firms must be certified by the

City of Oakland to qualify as Small and/or Local Business Enterprises (more info here: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/certification-recertification-for-small-and-local-businesses>). Applicants must submit their proposals by September 21, 2023, and are encouraged to attend a pre-proposal meeting on August 15, 2023 (more info on the request for proposals available in iSupplier: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/register-with-isupplier>).

Embarcadero West Rail Safety and Access Improvements webpage:  
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/embarcadero-railroad-safety-project>

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## Mayor's Commission on Disabilities

Are you passionate about making a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities? Join the [Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities \(MCPD\)](#) and be part of a dynamic team that advocates for greater accessibility and equity in the City of Oakland!

As a commissioner, you will have the unique opportunity to advise City Council and City of Oakland staff on concerns specific to the disability community, including policies, projects, and programs. Your input will help ensure that safe, effective, and equitable policies, programs, and projects are implemented throughout Oakland.

Whether you're interested in [applying](#) to be on the MCPD or attending the monthly meetings every 3rd Monday, we need your voice. The minimum qualifications for membership are that you live or work in Oakland and have a demonstrated history of professional and/or community involvement with the disability community.

Join us in advocating for greater accessibility and promoting equity for persons with disabilities in the City of Oakland. Your contribution will make a real difference in the lives of those who need it most. Apply to be part of the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities today!

<https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6681>

Questions? Contact [adaprograms@oaklandca.gov](mailto:adaprograms@oaklandca.gov)

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## Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission



# Bicyclist and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) Accepting Applications

The City is accepting applications to fill two seats on the Oakland Bicyclist & Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) for three-year terms starting in January 2024.

The purpose of the BPAC is to advise City Council and City of Oakland staff on bicyclist and pedestrian-specific policies, projects, and programs, and to advocate for safe, effective and equitable bicycle and pedestrian projects and programs throughout Oakland. The minimum qualifications for membership are that an individual must live in Oakland and have a demonstrated history of professional and/or community involvement with bicyclist and/or pedestrian issues. In selecting commissioners, the Mayor will strive for equity and geographic representation of Oakland's neighborhoods.

To apply, please submit an online application by 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at the following link:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/become-a-bpac-commissioner>

To learn more, come to our BPAC Open House / Meet and Greet at the Oakland Public Library: César E. Chávez Branch (3301 E 12th St #271, Oakland, CA 94601) on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Reach out to Midori Tabata at [midorit@pacbell.net](mailto:midorit@pacbell.net) with any questions.



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Serving on the BPAC is a great opportunity to promote safer and more equitable walking and biking throughout Oakland. The city has made great strides, but more needs to be done to make the city safer for vulnerable residents including children and elders. According to commissioner Tabata, it's an effective commission that has the attention of the City and the many stakeholders in the community.

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## LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH DISTRICT 1 HONOREE SARAH CROWELL

"I have felt the love in the Destiny community and the City of Oakland for the 30 years that I made Destiny my home - as a teacher, an executive director, an artistic director, and a student in the way of authentic collaborative community. I cannot thank the City of Oakland enough for giving life to a space that holds the minds, bodies and hearts of so many brilliant young artists dedicated to social justice and joy. Destiny's mission is to inspire and ignite social change through the arts and that's what it does every single day."



I am proud to select Sarah Crowell as District 1's LGBTQ+ Pride Month's Honoree. Sarah has been an outstanding asset to our community through her work at Destiny Arts Center. Sarah believes that the arts are an essential component of the journey to social justice. Through her work at Destiny Arts, Sarah has helped uplift youth voice, supporting pathways for young people to express themselves, advocate for justice and equity, fight against the systemic racism that continues to impact BIPOC youth, and build a community where everyone feels seen, valued, and free. I couldn't imagine our district and our city without her.

## Creek to Bay Day

2023 marks the 28th anniversary of Oakland Creek to Bay Day, held in conjunction with California and International Coastal Cleanup Day, one of the largest organized volunteer days in California, the nation, and 100 other participating countries. Annually, thousands of volunteers come together to remove litter from waterways, shorelines, and upstream areas around the world.

Individuals and households can be a part of this 28th anniversary event by pitching in to clean up coastal areas across the city, as well as pledging and committing to actions from our homes to protect watersheds. We also encourage residents, neighborhoods, and local organizations to adopt spots and drains in Oakland to clean year round!

Learn more at: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/creek-to-bay>

## St. Vartan Armenian Food Festival



You are invited by me and the St. Vartan Armenian Church to join them at their **68th Annual St. Vartan Armenian Church Food Festival**.

They always have over a thousand Armenians and non-Armenian's alike come through from Oakland and beyond.

## City Boards and Commissions

There are vacancies among the City's numerous boards and commissions. To fill these vacancies quickly, we need a pool of applicants that can be vetted for these seats as they become available. Most positions are filled by the Mayor, but some are filled directly by each Councilmember.

Please visit this website for information about the City's boards and commission and their vacancies: <https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6681>.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions regarding these opportunities. If you are a District 1 resident and decide to apply for a city board/commission, please let Councilmember Kalb know. He may be able to provide a recommendation on your behalf.

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## Dan's Community Office Hours

Dan continues to hold monthly **Community Office Hours** to hear directly from residents about their neighborhood or citywide concerns. He enjoys connecting with District 1 residents -- currently via phone due to Covid safety protocols -- and looks forward to doing these in person in the near future.

Please contact Keara O'Doherty ([kodoherty@oaklandca.gov](mailto:kodoherty@oaklandca.gov) or 510.238.7014) if you'd like to sign up to speak directly with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month -- next ones are October 7th and November 4th.



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## City of Oakland is Hiring!

While some city positions are being frozen at many city departments to help balance the budget, there is still hiring going on to fill certain vacancies. From Parks and Recreation to Economic Workforce Development, the City of Oakland has selected job opportunities available. [Learn more and apply here.](#)

**Apply to be a 911 dispatcher.** This person must have excellent communication skills and work well in a high-stress and fast-paced environment. More [here](#). This is a key public safety position in our city. **Please spread the word that we are training and hiring 911 dispatchers.**

**Apply to work on our Community Homeless Services Team.** This **person will lead and** design the implementation of emergency crisis response strategies and support program implementation. More [here](#).

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## Dan in the Community





**Top Left:** Dan with Mistah FAB and neighborhood leader Theresa Anderson at FAB's annual backpack giveaway for students in need. **Top Right:** Dan and other city officials attends the GoPort Ribbon Cutting & Groundbreaking **Bottom Left:** At EBHO's interfaith breakfast in support of affordable housing in our communities. **Bottom Right:** Dan with Captain Lisa Ausmus at her promotion ceremony. Captain Ausmus is the new OPD Area 2 Captain.

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## Contacts

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**Alameda County Social Services and Referral** - Call 211 - <http://211alamedacounty.org/2-1-1-alameda-county-resource-finder/>

**Dan Kalb's D1 Council Office** - 510-238-7001

**OPD Emergencies** - 911 (or 510-777-3211)

**OPD Non-emergencies** - 510-777-3333

**Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline** - (510) 238-7283 ([recycling@oaklandca.gov](mailto:recycling@oaklandca.gov))

**Oakland Animal Services:** <https://www.oaklandanimalservices.org>

**Oakland's Planning & Building On-line Permit Center** - <https://aca-prod.accela.com/oakland/customization/common/launchpad.aspx>; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/news/2022/oakland-launches-in-person-one-stop-permit-center-2>



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