



Dear North Oakland Residents,

As always, my hard-working staff and I are busy working on the city's budget, public safety challenges and reforms, and the growing challenge of housing affordability, among other issues in our good city.

This year, I have been appointed chair of the Council's Finance Committee. I sit on the Public Works, Rules & Legislation and Public Safety committees as well. I also represent the Oakland City Council on the Alameda County Transportation Commission, the Alameda County Waste Management Authority (StopWaste), and the League of California Cities board of directors.

My staff and I also work hard to resolve specific resident and neighborhood concerns and problems that involve city government.

I hope to see you at our upcoming "[Oakland Working for You](#)" Town Hall gathering this Saturday morning at the North Oakland Senior Center. This interactive Town Hall will provide you and your neighbors with a helpful opportunity to meet face-to-face with City of Oakland service workers--including customer service representatives. You'll get the chance to ask questions of City of Oakland customer service reps, learn about how key bureaus and offices function, and voice any suggestions you may have.

Please spread the word and invite your neighbors to attend.

Refreshments will be served!



District One Town Hall

“Oakland Working for You!”

Meet and talk with customer service representatives from City of Oakland Departments, Divisions and Bureaus

Saturday, March 21, 2015

10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

**North Oakland Senior Center
5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way**

with representatives from

Oakland Public Works, Code Enforcement, Building Permit Center, Oakland Animal Services, Housing Rent Adjustment Program, Dept. of Human Services Aging/Senior services, Emergency Services CORE program, and more!

Councilmember Dan Kalb is hosting this Town Hall to provide District One residents with an opportunity to meet face-to-face with City of Oakland customer representatives and service providers and ask questions relating to your customer service needs.

Please contact Monica Harris, office of Councilmember Kalb
mmharris@oaklandnet.com or 510-238-7014 with any questions.

CITY OF OAKLAND'S 2015-2017 BUDGET PROCESS UNDERWAY!

The process for developing the City of Oakland's next two-year budget (2015-2017) is underway and will continue to be a major focus for me and all of City Hall through the end of June. As provided by the new "Budget Process, Fiscal Planning, Transparency, and Public Participation" policy that was developed in 2013-2014, three of the budget process deadlines include:

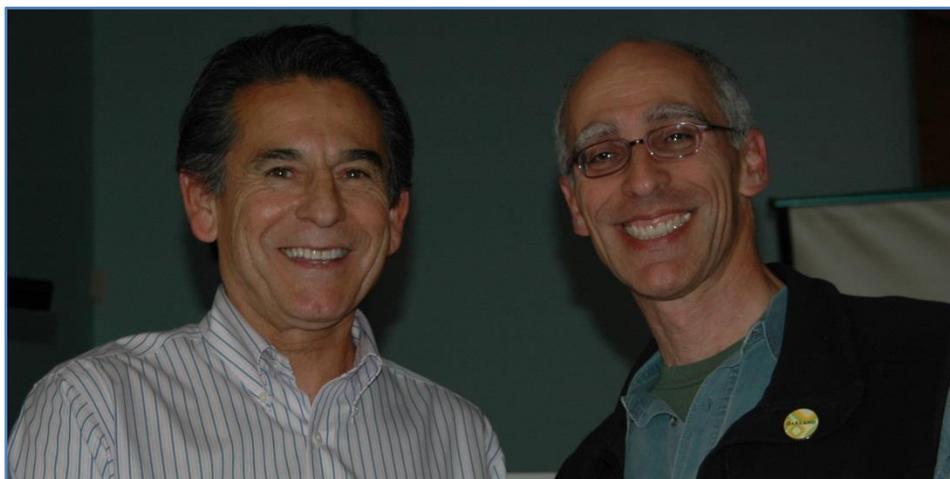
- March 15 – Submission of Councilmember Priorities
- April 15 – City Administrator's Budget Outlook Message & Calendar Report
- May 1 – Release of Mayor & City Administrator's Proposed Budget.

We will have difficult choices facing us for our upcoming budget. Our final decisions will be made in June, so if you have input for me regarding what you would like to see prioritized in the next two-year budget, please e-mail my office at oluby@oaklandnet.com with "15-17 City Budget" in the Subject line.

For additional background information, including key budget documents and a more comprehensive list of the budget process deadlines, please visit my [website here](#).

Legislative Update: Bullhook Ban

You may remember that Councilmember Gallo and I jointly sponsored legislation last year to ban the use of torturous instruments, such as the infamous bullhook, for use in Oakland to control or train elephants. Since the Oakland Zoo had already banned the use of bullhooks some two decades ago, the practical objective of this legislation was to prevent circus elephants from being tortured. Oakland was the second city in the country to pass this legislation, after Los Angeles. In order to gain support among a majority of Councilmembers and some stakeholders, the ban was written to go into effect in September of 2017. Special thanks to the Teamsters for helping to broker a workable compromise.



We thought that once several other jurisdictions followed our lead, the major circuses in the United States would eventually end their practice of using elephants—a practice that is only possible if the elephants go through tremendous torture as part of their training process. Lo and behold, sooner than we had thought, [Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus announced](#) that by 2018, they will no longer use elephants in their circus.

It's good to be reminded that every so often, taking action at the local level can have positive national implications. Oakland once again can take credit as a national leader. My thanks go to Oakland Zoo officials, the Humane Society and many local animal welfare activists for their research and advocacy. And thanks to Mayor Libby Schaaf, who, as a councilmember, first put this issue on the agenda.

Legislative Update: Seismic Safety

I've been working with city staff for the past several months crafting an ordinance to ensure that when the next major earthquake hits the East Bay, people who live in any of the nearly 1,500 soft-story apartment buildings in our city will be safe. The city held a series of public workshops, and we are continuing to meet with stakeholders before finalizing the ordinance. We plan to bring the ordinance to the City Council for consideration later this spring.

You can learn more about Seismic safety [here](#).

Monica Harris – Welcome New District 1 Community Liaison



As a native Oaklander with a strong background in community outreach and education, Monica Harris has a personal connection to her role as District One's Community Liaison.

Monica works on resident problem solving cases for the Longfellow, Golden Gate, Gaskill, Bushrod, Santa Fe and Shattuck neighborhoods of District 1, and assists with cases in other D-1 neighborhoods, including Piedmont Ave., and Rockridge. Monica also attends all Life Enrichment and Education Partnership Committee meetings, and several of the

district's Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) meetings each month.

Ms. Harris is a proud graduate of Howard University with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and a minor in Africana Studies. Her experience in communications and passion for education have taken her to rewarding positions as a Public Relations Coordinator of a local civil rights and environmental justice law firm as well as a volunteer Enrichment Instructor with Claremont Middle School and Greenleaf Elementary School.

You can reach Monica at 510-238-7014 or MMHarris@oaklandnet.com. Welcome aboard, Monica!

District 1 - March/April 2015 Events

March 21 – District 1 Town Hall – “Oakland Working for You!”

When: Saturday, March 21 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Where: North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

[Click here for more information.](#)

March 28 – District 1 Community Clean-Up with Mayor Schaaf & Councilmember Kalb

When: Saturday, March 28 – 9:00 am - Noon

Where: Location – Meet at the entrance to [Grove Shafter Park](#), MLK Jr. Way near 36th st.

Co-sponsored with the [Longfellow Community Association](#). See this event on [Facebook](#)



District 1 Clean-Up

with **Councilmember DAN KALB** and
Mayor LIBBY SCHAAF

Co-sponsored by the

Longfellow Community Association

Saturday, March 28th

9:00 am– 12:00 pm

Meet at

Grove Shafter Park

3630 Martin Luther King Jr. Way • Oakland

Please join us along with fellow District 1 residents and friends for this wonderful opportunity to help “Keep Oakland Green and Clean.”

We are going to meet at Grove-Shafter Park and from there proceed to clean the streets of Longfellow. At the end of the clean up, we will gather at the MLK Cafe to enjoy delicious food and beverages.

Clean up tools will be provided. See you there!

Please contact Monica Harris, office of Councilmember Kalb
mmharris@oaklandnet.com or 510-238-7014 with any questions.

Ongoing – Second Saturdays

When: Saturday, April 11th and every second Saturday of the month, times vary

Where: On San Pablo Ave. between 53rd street and 65th street and throughout the Golden Gate neighborhood

Free! This recurring event is an excellent way to support local businesses and organizations such as the San Pablo Flea Market, Donut Farm, Cosmic Cycles and Chile Jalapeño. For more information, [click here](#)

March 22 – Oakland Running Festival

When: Sunday, March 22 7:30 am

Where: Various routes

For more information [click here](#)

March 22 – World Water Day- ‘Bless the Lake’

When: Sunday, March 22, 3:30 – 6:30 pm

Where: Lake Merritt Amphitheatre

For more information [click here](#)

April 3 – April 14 – Destiny Arts Center Presents: Warrior

When: Friday, April 3- Wednesday, April 14, show times vary.

Where: Laney College – Odell Johnson Theater 900 Fallon Street, Oakland, CA

For more information, [click here](#)

Through April 14 – Free Tax Assistance at Oakland Public Libraries

When: Wednesdays, 10 am to 3:30 pm through April 14

Where: Golden Gate branch, 5606 San Pablo Avenue, (510) 597-5023

For more information and more locations, [click here](#)

April 18 – Earth Day Activities

When: Saturday, April 18

Where: Throughout Oakland

Interested in Earth Day beautification projects in your neighborhood? Make your community shine by taking action with neighbors and volunteers. [Click here](#) for a map of sites and how to sign-up to volunteer.

Last year we had fun! Please join us this year.



April 25 – Peralta Elementary and Claremont Middle School Yard & Bake Sale

When: Saturday, April 25, 9am- 12pm

Where: Peralta Elementary Playground, 460 63rd St, Oakland, CA 94609

Support Peralta Elementary and Claremont Middle School by donating to or shopping at the Yard & Bake Sale. Contact Chris Moraes at LRPGYardSale@gmail.com for more information.

April 25 – Rebuilding Together Oakland Day of Service

For more information, [click here](#)

May 6th – Older Americans Month Kickoff event

When: Wednesday, May 6, 11:00am – 2:00pm

Where: Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland

Ongoing – Omni Commons Community Activities and Workshops

Where: 4799 Shattuck Avenue, Oakland, CA, 94609

Visit Omni Commons calendar for daily educational, holistic, and communal activities located in the Temescal neighborhood.

<https://omnicommons.org/calendar/>

Announcements:

1. **Cole Hardware** store is now open at 5533 College Ave., Oakland 94618

Welcome to Oakland!



2. **Golden Gate Library** reopens after restoration, 5606 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland



3. **Santa Fe Elementary School** to Re-open

Thanks in large part to the work of the Santa Fe Community And Neighbors (Santa Fe CAN), the Oakland Unified School District has decided to allow the children of families

who live near the Santa Fe Elementary School to attend their neighborhood school during the two-year period (starting in the fall of 2016) in which it will be re-opened to accommodate a school cross town that will be undergoing extensive seismic safety repairs. While this is only an interim victory for families in the Santa Fe, Golden Gate and Longfellow neighborhoods who want the neighborhood school to be reopened long term, it opens the door for consideration of a more permanent solution down the road. Congrats to all who worked to make this happen.

If you are receiving this newsletter from a friend or via neighborhood listserve, or viewing it on the website [please sign up here](#) to receive my e-newsletter directly.

-Dan

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