



Dear North Oakland neighbors,



I just returned from Sacramento where I joined with other Bay Area Councilmembers to lobby for policies and funding that will increase our ability to approve, get financing for and construct more moderate and lower income housing to meet the growing need in Oakland and nearby cities. Housing affordability continues to be a top priority of mine. Additionally, please remember that this Saturday is Earth Day. I hope you will either join me at the March for Science in San Francisco (see below for details), or volunteer in your neighborhood at an Earth Day morning event (link to options below).

[Community Choice Energy](#)

I am happy to share with you the news that the City of Oakland has joined the newly established East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) joint powers authority (JPA). Monday, January 30th, marked the first meeting of the newly formed East Bay Community Energy Authority Board of Directors—a joint powers authority to bring clean local electricity to our East Bay residents and businesses. I am honored to have been elected a Vice-Chair of this board.

Over the last 18 months, a steering committee composed of city and county officials and labor, environmental justice, and other community representatives deliberated and ultimately recommended to the County the creation of a new JPA to procure and provide electricity for ratepayers throughout Alameda County and much of East Bay.

The [East Bay Community Energy](#) program is being set up to meet the electricity needs of East Bay residents and businesses while prioritizing clean sources of energy and local job-creation. As Oakland's appointed voting member of the Board, I am committed to creating affordable and clean energy choice for East Bay ratepayers.

[Dan's Budget Priorities and City Budget Process](#)

The City of Oakland's next two-year (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019) budget process continues to be a major focus for me now and through the end of June. As provided by the "Budget Process, Fiscal Planning, Transparency, and Public Participation" policy developed by the Council in 2013-2014, I have submitted my [initial budget priorities](#), which include additional spending for

fire prevention, violence reduction through post-incarceration reentry services, restoring the City's tree maintenance division, protecting and enhancing Public Library hours, aid to homeless residents, and more. I am also supporting increased revenues, including collecting the full Transient Occupancy Tax from Short-term Residential Rentals (such as Air BnB) for the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and requesting voter approval in 2018 to change our Real Estate Transfer Tax's flat rate to a progressive rate that increases for very high value properties.

The next four budget process deadlines are:

- May 1 – Release of Mayor & City Administrator's Proposed Budget;
- May – Community Budget Forums—including joint District 1 and District 3 Community Budget Forum with Councilmember Kalb, Councilmember Gibson McElhaney and Mayor Libby Schaaf. That meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 13th. Location TBD. Please check our [Event Page](#) in a week for more details.
- June 1 – Release of Oakland's Budget Advisory Commission Report;
- June 17 – Release of the Council President's Proposed Budget.

We will have difficult choices facing us for the upcoming budget. Our final decision 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 Policy Manager Oliver Luby at oluby@oaklandnet.com with “**17-19 City Budget**” in the subject line.

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

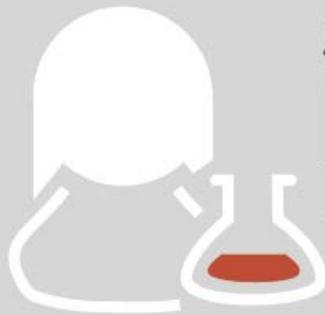
[March for Science](#)

Fact-based policy making is under threat in Washington DC. The March for Science team correctly asserts that public policy should be derived from evidence-based, scientific research. We must take a stand and demand that science not be ignored or distorted by our elected and appointed policy-makers. And since government investment in applied scientific research is essential to driving innovation and furnishing solutions to critical challenges—not the least of which is climate change—government must be an active player.

This **Saturday, April 22nd**, is the national March for Science. Please join me in San Francisco for the big March for Science in the Bay Area. You don't have to be a scientist to participate. Everyone is welcome. We'll be starting at 11:00am at Justin Herman Plaza in San Francisco (accessible via BART). For more information, go to this link: <https://marchforsciencesf.com/>. After the March, you and your family can enjoy an outdoor science fair at Civic Center Plaza in SF.

MARCH FOR SCIENCE

We march to protect our planet



SAN FRANCISCO

Justin Herman Plaza



Civic Center Plaza

April 22, 2017 11:00AM



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[Earth Day in Oakland](#)

Saturday morning, April 22nd is Earth Day in Oakland. If you're not participating in the March for Science, please join with your neighbors to honor Earth Day and your community. For [more information and volunteer options, click here](#).

Ride for a Reason – April 29th

This fun cycling fundraising event to Sacramento has grown tremendously over the past several years. And that has benefitted our public schools in Oakland. This year, the funds raised will help the following schools: Claremont Middle, Edna Brewer Middle, Westlake Middle, Roosevelt Middle, Emerson Elementary, Oakland Tech, and Oakland International High School.



While the funds raised are extremely helpful to these schools, community fundraising alone can't do the deep work needed to fully support all schools, especially in big, urban districts. Our state's spending per pupil remains below the national average. That's why Ride for a Reason rides to Sacramento—to bring policy makers' attention to the ongoing problem of underfunded public schools.

For more information, including how to sign up to ride or to sponsor a rider, [click here](#) and to see the Rider Info Packet [click here](#).

State Legislation

We know that Oakland is not an Island and that state laws can have a real impact on Oakland residents. Here is a sampling of the 2017 bills I have asked the City Council to formally support by resolution. The City Council has endorsed all of these bills:

- SB 2 (Atkins) – Building Homes document fee for Affordable Housing.
- SB 31 (Lara) – Prohibits the state or any local government agency from creating or helping to create any religion-based registry.

As I stated in our announcement, “we are honored to be recognized by the Governor as an environmental leader in California, I want to thank staff for years of dedicated work to make this program a successful asset to schools in Alameda County, and a model for schools across the state.”

The program would also not be possible without many partners, including Waste Management of Alameda County, BLT Enterprises of Fremont, and the Alameda County Office of Education. According to CalEPA, GEELA winners successfully integrate resource conservation, environmental protection, and economic progress. Only 12 programs throughout the state are awarded each year. Congrats to Alameda County StopWaste!

Addressing Issues of Homelessness – Actions Report and Hearing

We are facing a multi-faceted challenge with growing homelessness in Oakland and throughout much of the East Bay. I requested a detailed report from city staff outlining what we are in the progress of doing to address this tragic problem, and what our options are to adequately address the homeless crisis going forward.

Here [is a link to the report](#), which will be heard and discussed at the Council’s Life Enrichment Committee on Tuesday, April 25th, 4:00 pm in City Hall.

District One and Citywide Events

Dan’s Community Office Hours

May 6th, 2017

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Nomad Café

6500 Shattuck Ave.

June 3rd, 2017

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Old Brooklyn Bagels

6000 College Ave.

July 8th, 2017

10:00 am - 12:30 pm

MLK Café

3860 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Saturday, April 22nd – Earth Day

When: Saturday, April 22nd, varying times

Where: Citywide

Join your neighbors to clean and green Oakland! Groups and individuals of all ages and abilities are invited to join cleanup and restoration projects at creeks, parks, and neighborhood sites throughout Oakland. All tools are provided.

For more information and to find a clean-up crew to join, please visit: oaklandearthday.org

Saturday, April 29th – Community Wealth Building Day

When: Saturday, April 29th, 10 am - 3 pm

Where: Beebe Memorial Cathedral, 3900 Telegraph Ave.

Associated Real Property Brokers present a great number of free workshops aimed to “Build Black wealth through homeownership”. Some of the workshops offered are First-time Homebuyers, Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention, Short Sale, HUD Credit Counselling, Mortgage Products/ Refinance Information and Down Payment Assistance Programs.

The first 50 people to register will also receive a free credit report! To register, please visit: bit.ly/2nDxOPT. For more information, please contact: Marie Sturgell (661) 645-2917; Email: marie@realestatebayareas.com

Saturday, April 29th – Ride for Reason

When: Saturday, April 29th

Where: Check-in for all riders is at Oakland Tech, 4351 Broadway

Advocate for Oakland schools on a ride from Oakland to Sacramento! Hundreds of Oakland school supporters and families will travel on bike routes and charter buses to lobby our state politicians.

For more information or to register, please visit <http://rideforareason.weebly.com/>

Tuesday May 2nd – Longfellow Community Association Social Hour

When: Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Arthur Mac's Tap and Snack, 4006 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

The Longfellow Community Association invites you to socialize with your fellow neighbors and friends, old and new over refreshments. For more information about the

Longfellow Community Association, please

visit: <https://www.facebook.com/LongfellowCommunityAssociation/>

Wednesday, May 3rd – Older Americans Month & Senior Information Fair

When: Wednesday, May 3rd, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza (in front of Oakland City Hall)

Please invite your friends and neighbors to browse senior service information tables, use health screenings, listen to impactful speakers and watch performances by senior center art groups.

For more information, please contact Maurine Watkins at 510-238-2385.

Thursday, May 4th – A Taste of Spring Oakland Parks Foundation Gala

When: Thursday, May 4th, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: California Ballroom, 1736 Franklin St.

Support the Oakland Parks Foundation, see performances by artists, acrobats as well as local children's musical groups. Enjoy fine wine, local beers and gourmet foods while contributing to park restoration and youth scholarships.

To purchase tickets, please visit oaklandparks.org or call 510-465-1850.

Wednesday, May 10th – Santa Fe CAN General Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 10th, 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Where: Glenview Elementary School (at Santa Fe campus), 915 54th St.

Join Santa Fe Neighbors for the Santa Fe CAN General Meeting to receive updates from committee chairs and board members. This month's meeting will include a discussion about a new Bike Share bike station to be installed in the neighborhood. There will also be a muralist seeking community input on an upcoming project in the area.

For more information about Santa Fe CAN, please visit: santafecan.org

Thursday, May 11th – EBHO's Affordable Housing Week Kick-off

When: Thursday, May 11th, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Where: Classic Cars West, 411 26th St.

This event is to honor the 30+ years of collective power of East Bay Housing Organization members, board staff and supporters. The kick-off celebration includes local cuisine and live music. Please register at ebho.org

Thursday, May 18th – Destiny Arts Center Spring Art Walk

When: Thursday, May 18th, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: Destiny Arts Center, 900 Grace Ave.

Take a walk on the arts side, with an immersive performance experience that gives you an intimate look into Destiny's work and creative space. Enjoy a curated evening of media and performance art, paired with food, beer and wine.

To purchase tickets, please visit destinyspringartwalk.eventbrite.com

For more information about Destiny Arts Center, please visit destinyarts.org

Saturday, May 27th –Golden Gate Library Block Party

When: Saturday, May 27th, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: Corner of 56th street and San Pablo Ave.

The Golden Gate Library invites you to mix and mingle with friends and neighbors. Enjoy free food, games, and entertainment.

For more information, please contact the Golden Gate Library Branch at (510) 597-5023.

Saturday, June 11th – 14th Annual Temescal Street Fair

When: Saturday, June 11th, Noon - 6 pm

Where: Telegraph Ave. between 41st and 51st St.

Please come and enjoy this free community event to celebrate the rich culture of Temescal. This fair includes dozens of vendors offering food and crafts, community organization information booths children's activities and live music.

For more information or to register a booth for your business or organization, please visit: <http://temescalstreetfair.org/>

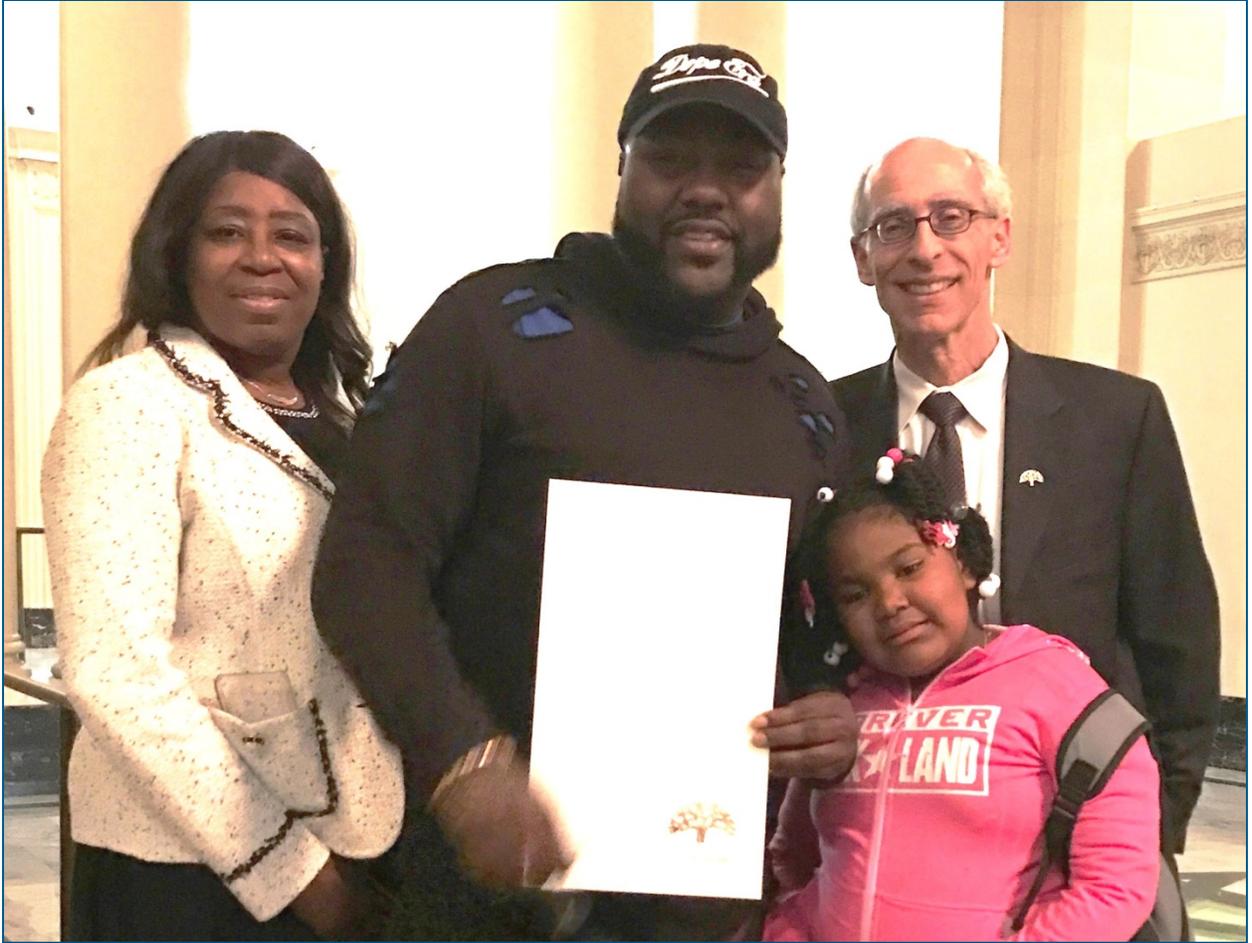
Dan Kalb in the community



Councilmember Kalb reading to kindergarten children at Piedmont Avenue Elementary School during African American Heritage Month.



Councilmember Kalb with St. Senator Nancy Skinner, Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Supervisor Wilma Chan, Assemblymember Tony Thurmond (not shown), and health care leaders at press conference in support of legislation to help keep East Bay hospitals open for the needs of our residents.



Dan honoring North Oakland native Mistah F.A.B. for his tremendous uplifting volunteer work in the community. Also pictured is long-time neighborhood leader Theresa Anderson.

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