



Dan's April Newsletter

Greetings Neighbor,

Happy spring season to you all. This month we have some important updates to share with you. Oakland has a couple major updates in leadership with a new police chief and a new director of transportation (OakDOT). I am excited to welcome and work with Chief Mitchell and Director Rowan to make Oakland a safer city.

We have a number of great opportunities to get involved in your community this month. Saturday, April 20th, Oakland will celebrate Earth Day, and I encourage everyone to join me and my staff in participating in local events to help clean up our neighborhoods. Additionally, the San Pablo Avenue Bus Lane and Transport Safety Project is looking for feedback and you can attend two community events to share your input and reactions, and/or send your comments in on-line.

Information has been released that shows revenue into the city's general purpose fund is coming in under budget. This is mostly due to fewer home sales, which means less revenue from real estate transfer tax. This will require some difficult decisions before the end of June.

I am continuing to work on affordable housing opportunities, and short and long-term solutions to our homelessness crisis, as well as public safety and environmental justice efforts.

Best always,
Dan

Dan Welcome's Oakland's Newest Police Chief Floyd Mitchell



After a lengthy search process by the Police Commission and the Mayor, we are excited that Mayor Thao has announced Oakland's newest Chief of Police. I look forward to working with Chief Mitchell on our serious public safety challenges, and hope he has success in his role as Oakland Police Chief.

On March 22nd, Mayor Sheng Thao announced the appointment of **Floyd Mitchell** as Oakland Police Chief. Mitchell has more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement and previously served as Chief of Police in Lubbock, Texas. Chief Mitchell's start date is being finalized but is expected to begin leading the Oakland Police Department between late April and early May.

“Floyd Mitchell is a strong leader and smart crime fighter who delivers results. His commitment to proven crime reduction strategies including proactive policing and strong officer-community engagement vaulted him to the top of the list. As our city’s top police officer, Chief Mitchell will join the talented public safety leadership team we have assembled and lead the law enforcement elements of Oakland’s comprehensive public safety strategy,” *said Mayor Sheng Thao.*

“As servant leaders and guardians of our city, I and the members of the Oakland Police Department have a unique opportunity to create lasting relationships and make significant impacts in the communities we serve. Our duty is to promote safety, prevent crime, and pursue justice for all we serve by collaborating and communicating with our community,” **said Incoming Chief Floyd Mitchell.** “As Oakland’s police chief I look forward to working together with our residents, businesses owners, city leadership, and members of the police commission to build a stronger and safer Oakland. I am excited about the opportunity to meet the members of the police department, interact with all the people who call this beautiful city home, and become an integral part of this special place.”

Chief Mitchell began his career as a patrol officer with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. After 25 years of impeccable service with Kansas City accepted the police chief position for the City of Temple, Texas. In 2019, Mitchell was appointed as the 23rd police chief for the City of Lubbock, Texas, where he served until September of 2023. Chief Mitchell is a veteran of the United States Air Force.

Chief Mitchell has earned both his BSA and MBA degree in Business Administration from Baker University and is a graduate of the Certified Public Manager Program, administered by Texas State University. He is a graduate of the 236th Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) National Academy, Quantico, Virginia, and the Police Executive Research Forum’s - Senior Management Institute for Policing, at Boston College.

Dan's Public Safety Resolution

Dan Kalb's

Law* Prioritizing Public Safety



Increase and Retain 911 Dispatchers



**Increase Federal and State Support,
Including FBI Investigators**



**Expand Violence
Prevention/Intervention Efforts**



**Security Cameras on Freeway On-
Ramps and Retail Corridors**



Expand MACRO Civilian Response

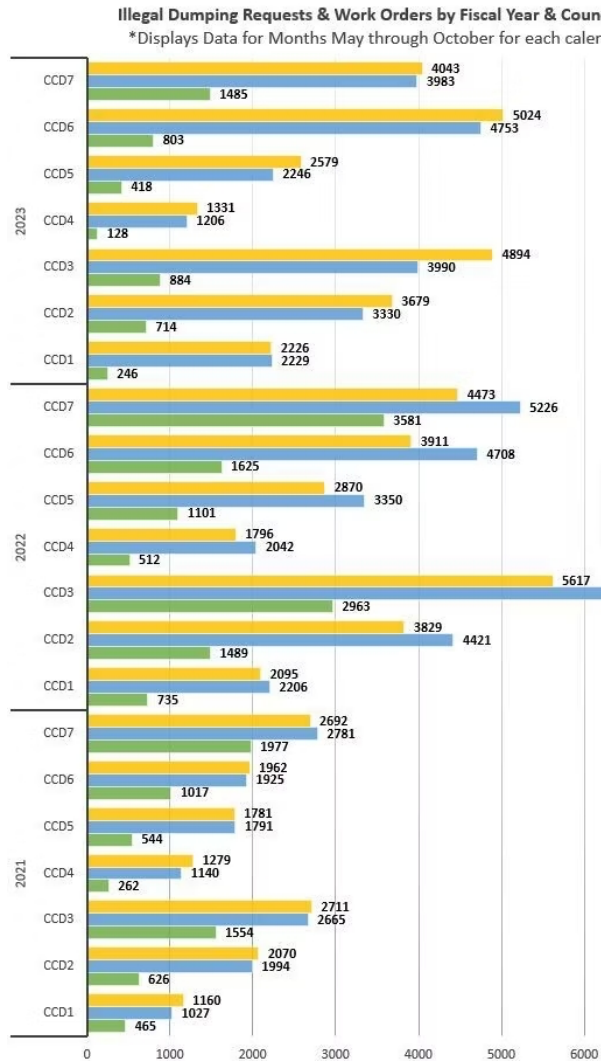


**Plan for Walking Beat Officers and
Community Ambassadors**

*Oakland Public Safety Resolution, September 2023



Illegal Dumping

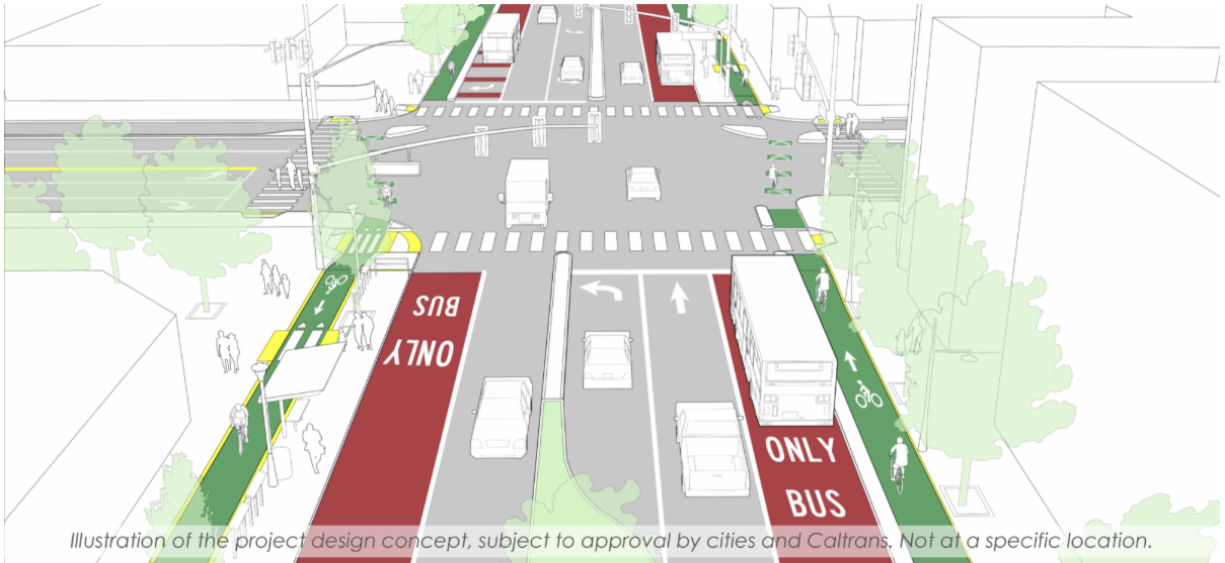


Illegal dumping has long been a problem in Oakland, and we have only seen the issue grow over the last few years. We have taken action to use cameras to cite illegal dumping in hotspots, and implemented self-haul appointments Oakland residents can take advantage of once per year.

Oakland Public Works (OPW) routinely collects data on the performance of our illegal dumping abatement, prevention, and enforcement programs. This page provides a snapshot of that data for the community. <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/illegal-dumping-data>

This page provides illegal dumping program **data**. To learn more about our illegal dumping **strategy** and affordable ways to dispose of waste and bulky junk, visit the [Oaktown PROUD](#) page. Report illegal dumping using [OAK311](#).

Share Your Input on the San Pablo Avenue Bus Lanes & Bike Lanes Project!



Alameda County is now seeking your feedback on the San Pablo Avenue Bus Lanes and Bike Lanes Project to make the street safer for people walking and biking and to provide more reliable bus service.

This project would create dedicated bus lanes, new curb-protected bike lanes, and safer street crossings for people walking and biking between 16th Street in Downtown Oakland and Heinz Avenue in South Berkeley. This includes North Oakland and Emeryville. To make these improvements possible, the project would repurpose one of the traffic lanes in each direction for buses and eliminate most parking along San Pablo Avenue. Commercial loading zones will remain--although some are being moved a bit.

We're seeking your input to make these changes work best for the community. Here's how to learn more and let us know what you think:

Review the proposal and leave comments on the project's [community input website](#).

Attend an in-person **Open House**:

Monday, April 15, 2024, 6pm

Golden Gate Recreation Center

1075 62nd Street, Oakland

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 6pm

Emeryville Center for Community Life (ECCL)

1100 47th Street, Emeryville

Visit us when we're at events in your community. See a list of where we'll be on the project's [community input website](#).

Oakland Earth Day



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EARTH DAY

oaklandca.gov/earthday

(510) 238-7630



Earth Day



Accessibility request? Contact adoptaspot@oaklandca.gov, (510) 238-7630; 711 for relay service

On **Saturday, April 20, 2024**, the City of Oakland's Environmental Services Stewardship Team is celebrating Oakland Earth Day with environmental volunteer events, such as tree plantings, weeding and pruning, and habitat restoration across the city. Volunteers can also pick up litter, remove graffiti, and participate in other service events!

The Stewardship Team looks forward to seeing and working with Oaklanders during Earth Day; visit our [interactive map](#) to see the list of registered sites for this year!

Please join Dan and his staff at a local earth day site of your choosing.

Oakland Mobile Community Assistance Responders (MACRO) Phone Number

In last month's newsletter we shared how to reach MACRO by email. We are pleased to announce that MACRO also has a dedicated phone number which can be found below.

Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO)

The Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) Program is a community response program for non-violent, non-emergency 911 calls. The purpose of MACRO is to meet the needs of the community with a compassionate care first response model grounded in empathy, service, and community. MACRO's goal is to reduce responses by emergency services (Fire & Police), resulting in increased access to community-based services and resources for impacted individuals and families.

When to call MACRO - (510) 446-2276 -- MACRO@oaklandca.gov

MACRO teams respond to calls about homelessness, some behavioral or mental health calls, noise complaints and people being intoxicated (and nonviolent) in public.

MACRO units do not respond inside anyone's home, to domestic violence calls or to any situations that appear dangerous or violent.

MACRO requests are for quality of life concerns and NOT for EMERGENCIES or VIOLENT situations.

***If an immediate emergency response is required, please call 911.*

How to Reach MACRO

Phone: (510) 44-MACRO | (510) 446-2276

In an effort to aid the dispatcher, callers should confirm that the situation is non-violent, non-emergent, no visible weapons and outside of a dwelling/residence or business.

Please do not call 211 or 311 to get a MACRO response.

City of Oakland Announces New Permanent Director of Transportation Josh Rowan



Oakland, CA — The City Administrator's Office is proud to share the latest update to the City of Oakland's departmental leadership team. **Josh Rowan** will be assuming the role of Director of the City of Oakland Department of Transportation, effective April 15, 2024.

Director Rowan brings a rich set of leadership skills and experience to this role. He specializes in successful delivery of large transportation capital programs, paired with a proven record as an avid advocate of safety, equity, and mobility in transportation systems. He is a "relentless incrementalist" who believes the success of any transportation agency is built upon the foundation of excellence in maintenance and operations.

He brings to this role experience as transportation contractor, consulting engineer and program manager, as well as in public transportation agency leadership. His private sector experience was focused on transportation in the eastern United States as well as Tanzania and Mozambique. He served as the City of Atlanta's first commissioner of the Atlanta Department of Transportation (ATLDOT), where he stood up a new city department by consolidating technical resources from four different operating units.

Some of his achievements at ATLDOT included:

- Completion of major corridor improvements
- Implementation of smart school zone safety improvements
- Installation of traffic signal preemption for fire and EMS
- Development and implementation of \$30M streetlight repair and expansion program
- Leadership of program development for Moving Atlanta Forward capital program (\$400M) that was approved with nearly 80% support by popular referendum
- Investment in community engagement with a “walk and talk” program with community that walked more than 200 miles to address issues
- Development of strategies to minimize street racing and sideshow activity
- Implementation of e-scooter permit and enforcement process

“Safety is our business. Everyone should be able to move freely and safely throughout Oakland using their desired mode of transportation, no matter where they live,” Director Rowan said. He added, “All OakDOT team members deserve an organization that prioritizes their physical and mental wellbeing, creates opportunities for career growth, delivers on commitments, and enjoys our journey.”

Big thanks and congratulations to former OakDOT Director **Fred Kelley**, who is now our city's new Director of Parks, Recreation and Youth Development.

Oakland BAHFA Bond: Informational Event



REGIONAL INVESTMENTS IN OAKLAND'S HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Join us in learning more about Bay Area Housing Finance Authority's (BAHFA) November 2024 regional bond measure that could invest over \$380M for affordable housing in Oakland.



APRIL 29, 2024 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/5N7CCH5P](https://tinyurl.com/5n7cch5p)

Use our QR code to sign-up or learn more.

Co-host Councilmember Kalb is thrilled to confirm our Oakland BAHFA community information session on April 29th from 6:00pm - 7:30pm via [Zoom](#). Please mark your calendars.

Date: Monday, April 29th

Time: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM (PST)

Location: Virtual (zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7cch5p>)

Event Page & Registration: [here](#)

Details: Presentation and brief remarks from local elected officials will be followed by community input and questions.

Please spread the word.

For more info about BAHFA, please visit our **City of Oakland** [BAHFA Bond website here](#).

City Boards and Commissions

There are periodic 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.

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 or 510.238.7014) if you'd like to sign up to speak directly with Dan. Usually the 1st Saturday of the month -- next one is May 4th.



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](#).

Dan in the Community





Top Left: Dan and Erica at the (4/7) grand opening of 9Julio Empanadas on Claremont Avenue.

Top Right: Dan with Kathy Chao Rothberg at the 44th Anniversary Open House of Lao Family Community Development Centers.

Bottom Left: Dan with OPD officers conducting a Public Safety Walk engaging with local business owners at the 7-Eleven on Broadway.

Bottom Right: Dan and Executive Director Amana Harris at the Youth ArtEsteem Exhibition at Studio One.

Contacts

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SeeClickFix Call 311- https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HFD/report/location; <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>

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

MACRO - (510) 446-2276 -- MACRO@oaklandca.gov

Oakland Recycling/Waste Collection Hotline - (510) 238-7283 (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>

