



Dan's March Newsletter

Greetings Neighbor,

I want to wish you a happy March, and I hope everyone stays safe during the on-and-off stormy weather. I also want to take this opportunity to talk about public safety again. As the number one issue on my mind and the minds of many residents, I want to share with you what I/we have done and what may still need to be done to adequately address the challenges of public safety in Oakland.

I'll start by reminding everyone that every police chief I've ever talked with--not only in Oakland--has said that it takes a comprehensive approach to reducing crime. That of course includes, but is not limited to, law enforcement (police).

Over the past 11 years on the Council, I have constantly advocated for increased attention to and funding for thorough criminal investigations--particularly of serious/violent crimes. This has included hiring additional police evidence techs and crime lab specialists, as well as assigning enough sworn personnel to OPD's Criminal Investigations Division. You can't hold anyone accountable if you don't solve the crime and create a file of evidence that allows for consequences. Even if you want to require or offer the perpetrator some type of mandatory non-incarceration program option, you still have to solve the crime in order to have the leverage to get them into such a supervised program. Investigations are key--which is why I have always been a strong supporter of OPD borrowing trained FBI investigators for felony crimes involving gun violence. The City Council has issued directives during budget decision times saying that criminal investigations should not be reduced at OPD. We must continue in that vein and make sure that is followed.

I and my colleagues have always prioritized getting guns off our streets and out of the hands of people who should never have them. I authored our local law to ban ghost guns and the parts that make them. And I also wrote the local law that requires safe storage of guns in homes making it harder to steal someone's gun

(that could later be used in the commission of a crime) and reduce the likelihood that young children might accidentally shoot themselves. I have worked with and will continue to work closely with Brady, Giffords and Moms Demand Action on smart gun regulation, and I have supported gun buy-back efforts in Oakland and beyond.

As you may recall, I crafted local legislation that the Council adopted a few months ago to direct the City Administrator--and OPD--to take specific actions that would make residents/visitors tangibly safer in our city. This includes creating a 911 dispatcher retention plan, seeking assistance from federal (FBI) and state (CHP) agencies, and engage in multi-jurisdictional operations to confiscate illegal guns, placing security cameras on freeway on-ramps and (through grants) along retail business corridors, expanding the number of walking beat officers, make those roles more permanent and supplementing them with neighborhood ambassadors, starting the process for a lateral police academy, and more. See https://cao-94612.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/documents/2023-Public_Safety-Resolution-Kalb-Sept-19-CC-Amendments.PDF (note that we already have six police academies budgeted for during the 2-year budget cycle we are in now.). I'm working with the City Administrator to make sure these all get implemented.

Finally, I am a passionate supporter of our short and long-term violence intervention and prevention programs. I'm glad we were able to double the modest budget for our Dept. of Violence Prevention some two and-a-half years ago. We now must bolster our CeaseFire intervention program to help reduce gun violence in our community. This is a shared priority among councilmembers, the mayor, OPD and our City Administration--as it should be.

We continue to work on these very real challenges. Just last week, we did a merchant walk with OPD officers on Broadway in North Oakland. It is helpful for the state to offer assistance when needed. I thank the Governor for stepping up. As I've said for years, we also need to expand the state's rehabilitation programs to all state prisons and invest more seriously in local reentry programs.

There is more to do of course and we need to work together to succeed. Our residents and business owners are counting on us.

Best,
Dan

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



Police Chief Search

Join the Police Chief Search Ad Hoc Committee as they hear from police chief candidates and discuss their qualifications. For detailed information visit: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/boards-commissions/police-commission#police-chief-public-community-forum-details>

In the meantime, Interim Chief Darren Allison is working every day to address the crime challenges we have in our city.

Oakland Mobile Community Assistance Responders (MACRO)

We want to remind everyone of a very crucial service to our community that I feel is underutilized to help with issues that do not escalate to the level of needing a law enforcement officer.

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, and most especially for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).

EMAIL MACRO@oaklandca.gov

A MACRO response can be requested via direct email. MACRO teams will respond to requests for service for homelessness, some behavioral or mental health concerns, noise complaints and people being drunk (and nonviolent) in public. A complete list of MACRO Incident types is listed below. When emailing MACRO please use the template provided:

Email MACRO@oaklandca.gov

Subject: "Request for Service @ Address/Location + Call/Incident Type"

Body: Description of Incident, any relevant history and if possible, a picture.

Stop Waste Prevention Grants

Does your nonprofit or business prevent waste in Alameda County?

\$1.1 Million in Grant Funding Now Available!



Food Waste Prevention & Recovery

Community Food Systems

Reusable Foodware

Food Donation Equipment

Reuse & Repair

Reusable Transport Packaging Equipment

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www.StopWaste.org/Grants

Applications due March 14, 2024

STOPWASTE

\$1.1 Million in Grant Funding Available for Waste Prevention

StopWaste is offering grants with a total of \$1.1 million available in funding for projects in six categories. The focus is on innovative approaches to preventing waste in Alameda County and supporting local communities.

1. Food Waste Prevention & Recovery (up to \$30,000 per grant)
2. Surplus Food Donation Equipment (nonprofits only, up to \$10,000 per grant)
3. Community Food Systems (up to \$10,000 per grant)
4. Reusable Foodware (up to \$25,000 per grant)
5. Reuse & Repair (up to \$25,000 per grant)
6. Reusable Transport Packaging Equipment (up to \$10,000 per grant)

Businesses, nonprofits, and institutions are eligible for funding, unless noted otherwise. For details visit www.StopWaste.org/Grants **Application deadline is March 14, 2024.**

Piedmont Avenue Library Community Meetings



This event is the **2nd of a series of Community Outreach Meetings** scheduled for **this project this year**. Please join the community and give you input on this project. Hope to see you there.

Date/Time: In-person: Tuesday, March 13, 2024 @ 6:00pm-7:30pm (food will be provided)

Location: Piedmont Avenue Elementary - Multi-Purpose Room

4314 Piedmont Avenue

Via Zoom: (the next day) March 14, 2024 6pm-7pm.

Attendees [can REGISTER HERE](#)

Last Chance to Sign Up for Oakland Restaurant Week

[Sign up online now!](#)

Attention Oakland restaurants, food trucks, cafes, bars, chefs and mobile food vendors: [Sign up now](#) to participate in [Oakland Restaurant Week 2024](#)! This year, Oakland Restaurant Week is happening March 14-24, 2024 -- 10 days to showcase your restaurant and welcome thousands of diners hungry for the diversity, culture, and cuisine as only Oakland can do. It's

a celebration of flavor designed to support local establishments and entice diners with special restaurant week offers, menus, and experiences – and it's free to participate!

[Please fill out this form to register](#) and be listed on OaklandRestaurantWeek.org. Visit Oakland will be promoting restaurant specials and experiences to drive diners to your restaurant. Register earlier to be included in more press and media materials. [The registration form](#) allows you to opt in for Oakland Restaurant Week – no need to have your menu/special offering ready at this time. Another form will be sent out to upload menus and offerings. All materials are due by Friday, March 8, 2024. For questions, please contact Visit Oakland at juan@visitoakland.com.

****Please visit a local establishment and show your appreciation to these hard working businesses.**

71st Annual Mother of the Year Award



Nominations are **"Now Open"** for the City of Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development 71st Annual Mother of the Year Award!

Oakland's Mother of the Year is a tradition dating back to 1954; every year on the Saturday before Mother's Day, a new "Mother" is proclaimed, and her name is added to the Mother's Walk at the Morcom Rose Garden.

The call for nominations is open until 4:00pm on Friday, March 15, 2024, and anyone can make a nomination of someone whose contributions to the community symbolize the finest traditions of “motherhood.” Past awards have gone to those who reflected the best of humanity through leadership, and perseverance against all odds to make a positive impact for families or community life. Honorees will be recognized on Saturday, May 11, 2024, 10:30am, at Morcom Amphitheater of Roses 700 Jean Street Oakland, CA 94610.

Do you have a nominee? If so, please review the attached Call for Nominations form which list the qualifications for the Annual Mother of the Year Award. Email all completed documents to OPRYD Mother of the Year Program: oprydmotheroftheyear@oaklandca.gov.

Black History and Futures Month Honoree



BLACK HISTORY/BLACK FUTURES MONTH DISTRICT 1 HONOREE **ALI RASHEED**

We are proud to honor and recognize Ali Rasheed for his work helping those in underserved communities build back better lives. Ali has served with many organizations in Oakland including SPAAT, the Sparkpoint Center, Oakland Unite Street Services, and Center Point Inc. Ali Rasheed led the reentry service efforts of Center Point Inc. in Oakland and Alameda County, and has been an invaluable part of our city's fabric. Center Point Inc's rehabilitation services for those formerly incarcerated have been proved to reduce instances of substance abuse, relapse and recidivism among those who participated in the program.

Ali is currently working at Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) continuing his great engaged work for our community. We give our heartfelt thanks to Ali Rasheed for his tremendous work and commitment, and we honor his legacy of service here in Oakland.



Dan's Ballot Measure Recommendations

YES on Proposition 1 – Prop. 1 is (A) a general obligation bond for mental health and residential drug treatment facilities, supportive housing for homeless veterans, and grants for mental health and related housing infrastructure; and (B) statutory modifications to the 20-year-old Mental Health Services Act (Prop. 63 – 2004), which enacted an additional 1% tax on incomes above \$1 million and earmarked that new

revenue to counties to fund mental health programs and services. Prop. 1 would revise and re-name the law to be called the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). Importantly, it would expand the act to include treatment for drug dependency disorders. It also would change how county mental health plans are required to spend this revenue as well as increase the number of members on the designated state oversight commission. On balance, this will help with funding for housing and services for homeless residents who have behavioral health difficulties and/or drug dependency challenges.

YES on Oakland Measure D – Necessary measure to meet a state constitutional requirement, which would allow the City of Oakland to spend our revenues derived from past voter-approved tax assessments for the voter-approved priorities specified for those assessments. Does not raise anybody's taxes or tax rates.

YES on Alameda County Charter Measure B – This Alameda County Charter change would repeal County-specific requirements and procedures dealing with the process to Recall a County elected official, and instead use the designated county recall process and requirements in California State law. The new language would be, "California State law applicable to the recall of county officers shall govern the recall of County of Alameda elected officials."

YES on Alameda Measure E – Parcel Tax for Alameda public schools to help with teacher retention, maintaining quality academic instructional programs, smaller class size, and preparing students for college.

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 March 9th.



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 at the Toishan Benevolent Association Lunar New Year Dinner

Top right: Dan at the Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce's 32nd Lunar New Year Baazar

Middle left: Local health care workers honoring CM Kalb for standing w/ health care workers and patients

Middle right: Dan at the Oakland Roots Celebration

Bottom left: District 1 team ride along with MACRO

Bottom right: Dan reading to Kindergarteners during Black History Month at Sankofa Elementary

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

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>