



Greetings Neighbor,

Before we get into news on upcoming events and important announcements, I want to address an unfortunate reality that has become ever more present in our district and citywide. Over the past couple of months there have been a number of property crimes and violent robberies in parts of North Oakland and in several other

neighborhoods in Oakland. This has not gone unnoticed by our office and we have worked hard to bring this to the attention of law enforcement personnel.

The Oakland Police Department (OPD) and our Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) are certainly aware of these crimes and, while there is not just one underlying reason associated with all these incidents, the City of Oakland is committed to doing our best to investigate all serious crimes and increase visibility in impacted neighborhoods.

Community Resource Officers (CROs) have been working in conjunction with our Area patrol officers and the community on obtaining investigative leads and evidence related to recent robberies, burglaries and catalytic converter thefts.

As available resources are often competing with addressing 911 calls for service, OPD also has directed uniformed officers from non-patrol investigative or other units to spend time assisting with prioritized hotspots, visible patrols, investigative follow-up, etc. to increase the number of officers visible and working on the street.

D-1 staff and I meet regularly with the OPD Area 2 captain and DVP senior staff to discuss recent crime trends in Council District 1, OPD response and investigation, and implementation of DVP short and long-term strategies.

Additionally, our Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) can provide a timely response to nonviolent, lower-level incidents. By increasing the resources for MACRO and our Department of Violence Prevention over time, we are supporting the ability of the MARCO teams to address nonviolent calls, which allows the Police Department to focus more focus on violent crime. And by increasing the number of violence interrupters and other key staff with the Department of Violence Prevention, we have resourced a reduction of violence over time. These policy decisions will reduce crime overall, help reduce violent crime in particular and facilitate MACRO responding to low-level, nonviolent incidents.

*****School Board Director Sam Davis and I will be hosting a Community Town Hall on Public Safety on Tuesday, May 30th at 6:30 pm at Oakland Tech H.S.** Representatives from OPD and our Dept. of Violence Prevention will be present.

The Mayor recently presented her City Budget to the City Council. While we are facing a historic budget shortfall, her proposed budget does not call for layoffs of any City staff, including police officers. Additionally, I am pushing to prioritize filling positions at our 911 dispatch center.

Best,
-Dan

Mayor Sheng Thao Introduces Proposed 2-yr Budget + D1 Budget Town Hall

On May 1, 2023, Mayor Thao submitted her budget to the City Council. On Wednesday May 3rd, the City Council met to hear a presentation and ask initial questions. [Click here](#) to watch a video of that meeting. You may review the proposed budget [here](#). During the months of May and June, the City Council will work hard to make any necessary changes and finalize the budget. Your input at this stage would be helpful. The City is facing a \$274 million dollar shortfall. Fortunately, this budget does not propose any layoffs, which could have led to serious reductions in service. That said, the City Budget is a critical piece of legislation that outlines spending priorities for the next two years.

I have scheduled a **Budget Town Hall** to discuss the proposed budget, how it will impact Oaklanders, and what residents would like to see in the final adopted budget. Please consider attending on **Monday May 22nd at 6:00 pm** at Sacred Heart Church located at **4025 Martin Luther King Jr. Way**. City Finance staff will be participating as well.

COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB
PRESENTS

COMMUNITY MEETING ON THE CITY BUDGET

Monday, May 22, 2023
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
4025 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Email ssteward@oaklandca.gov for more information.



This event will be live-streamed on Facebook
at www.facebook.com/DanKalb.

Councilmember Kalb's Budget priorities documents can be found
[here](#).

Healthy Homes and Electrification Resource Fair

On **May 25th, from 5:30-7:30pm**, the City of Oakland is hosting
a **Healthy Homes and Building Electrification Resource Fair**
at the Golden Gate Recreation Center (1075 62nd street), where you

can access services to make your home healthier and safer, reduce your energy bills, and begin moving toward clean energy. **Service providers will be onsite**, so you can get your questions answered, learn about incentives, and sign up for supportive programs on the spot. This will include East Bay Community Energy (EBCE), Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN), Rising Sun Center for Opportunity, GRID Alternatives, and PG&E. Cypress Mandela Training Center staff will also be there to share information about their training programs, because the clean energy economy is Booming!

This event is free and dinner will be provided! Please **sign up today on Eventbrite** so that we can order enough food. More information can be found on the City's [Building Electrification webpage](#).

Councilmember Kalb has been a leader on the Council in supporting local climate-friendly policies. including within the development and building sector.

CITY OF OAKLAND

HOME ENERGY RESOURCE FAIR

DATE
May 25th, 2023

TIME
5:30 - 7:30PM

Location
Golden Gate Recreation Center
(1075 62nd St.)

Are You Ready to Electrify?
Learn about **rebates and other resources** to make your home **safe, healthy, and affordable**. **Find out how electrifying can help!**

- **Free food!**
- Register now with the QR code!

Learn more at oaklandca.gov/electrify

BAYREN **PG&E** **GRID ALTERNATIVES**
EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY **RISING SUN CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY**



Ronald McDonald House Opening

Ronald McDonald House invites you to join them for a free community event on this Saturday, May 20th as a new Ronald McDonald House opens in Oakland. The block party (at 52nd street and West street) will take place in front of the new home and provide a festive day filled with

live music and activities for kids.

Kids can enjoy a bouncy house, face painting and more. Musical performances by Oakland Interfaith Youth Choir, Oakland Youth Symphony, Dan Ashley and a live DJ throughout the day. Local food trucks will be on-site to enjoy.

Oakland Police Commission

Do you want to help oversee the Oakland Police Department?

Apply now to be on the Police Commission, which has the authority to revise certain OPD policies and oversee police discipline. It can

take a significant time commitment in meetings, meeting prep, and committee work, but you can help bring fair and just policing to Oakland communities.

Commissioners must be over 18 and live in Oakland. They cannot be current police officers or City employees. A high school diploma is not required, and formerly incarcerated people are eligible to apply.

Applications are due by May 31.

To apply, go to www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission, where you can also find more information about the Police Commission. You can watch videos of past meetings, find out about upcoming meetings, and learn more about the powers and responsibilities of the Police Commission.

If you have any questions, please call 510-368-5598 between 9:00am and 9:00pm any day of the week.

A Message From Public Bank East Bay

A public bank could be the best way to react to the failures and flaws of our banking system. East Bay residents would be stakeholders in how our public money is used. Instead of passively waiting to see how hard the next economic crisis hits the East Bay, our regional & state public banking alliances are actively working to create new public banks that can keep city money flowing back into our communities by handling our public tax and fee money in a responsible, transparent, and accountable system.

The Friends of the Public Bank East Bay are drafting a business plan for a local Public Bank, a transformative economic institution governed by a board of at least ten proven community leaders along

with public representatives from Oakland, Berkeley, Richmond and Alameda County. The Friends of PBEB presented to the Alameda County supervisors and staff on April 4th. In a historic collaboration between community leaders, municipal representatives and the Friends of PBEB the business plan for a regional Public Bank will be finalized and submitted for the necessary regulatory approvals in the next several months. Once approved, the new Bank would be a game changer and have the power to help improve the economics of the region and the lives of many residents.

The Public Bank East Bay website (www.publicbankeastbay.org) is full of information and current updates.

Wood Street Update

After three weeks of transitioning Wood Street encampment residents (with their pets) to safe shelter programs with supportive services, the City of Oakland completed the court-authorized closure of the City-owned Wood Street parcel that began April 10. All people and their belongings are safely off the parcel.

"Safety and securing dignified shelter for every resident were our primary goals in this closure," said Mayor Sheng Thao. "I am grateful we achieved both and thankful for the collective efforts of the many staff in City Departments, Alameda County agencies, Operation Dignity, and community partners who contributed to this massive effort."

As of today, 57 people out of an initial census of approximately 70 individuals living at the Wood Street encampment have accepted shelter services. 46 residents have accepted shelter at the Wood Street cabin program and eleven have elected to move to a Safe RV Parking program.

The City's cross-departmental Encampment Management Team worked together to achieve this important milestone. Public Works removed approximately 700 tons of trash and debris and OakDOT's new Vehicle Enforcement Unit removed 39 vehicles, including nine stolen vehicles, from the site. Environmental Services was on hand to safely handle potentially hazardous materials and Oakland Fire Department extinguished several small fires in the encampment. Oakland Police Department helped provide critical public safety support.

The City closed the approximately three-acre encampment on the City-owned parcel to enable construction of the approved development of 170 units of permanent affordable housing.

Studio One Art Center

Read more about the event [here](#).



TEMESCAL ARTS
COMMUNITY

at Studio One Arts Center's
NEW BEGINNINGS

365 45th Street, Oakland, CA 94609

*Featuring
artists:*

Deborah Samia
Joanie Mitchell
Caroline Stern
Gail Robinson
Aparna Ewing
Darril Tighe
Dominique Nevraumont

Opening Reception:
May 19th 6:30-9pm
May 20 & 21st
noon-4pm
2023



Caroline Stern

Sideshow

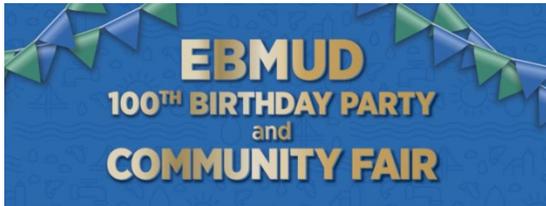
The Oakland City Council recently passed a new ordinance to deter sideshows, making it a crime to organize and facilitate sideshows. "Public Safety is and must be a top priority for me and all of us in City Hall," said Councilmember Dan Kalb. "This law will give the City of Oakland an additional tool to protect Oaklanders from the dangers of these ridiculous and destructive sideshows."

In addition to criminal penalties, the law creates civil penalties (fines) that will give the city the authority to address the costs and damages caused by sideshows, and hopefully deter these from happening in the first place. These are critical as the City of Oakland will be able to hold organizers and facilitators of sideshows accountable and impose fines and collect compensation for damages caused by sideshows.

Councilmember Kalb ensured that participant-drivers, who are already engaged in reckless driving as a crime, can also be assessed civil fines for their destructive and dangerous behavior. Kalb also made the sure new law focused on those most responsible for this behavior—the organizers and facilitators—in addition to the drivers. A "sideshow" is an event in which two or more persons block or impede traffic for the purpose of performing motor vehicle stunts, speed contests, or reckless driving. Sideshows cause significant damage to city infrastructure by destroying intersection markings, street signs, poles, and other equipment. Sideshows are extremely dangerous to people in the immediate vicinity and people have indeed been injured at some of these gatherings. Sideshows necessitate extraordinary police response costs that divert officers from responding to other emergencies in a timely fashion. Sideshows can drastically impact people's quality of life and create an unsafe environment for the neighborhoods in which they occur while attracting hundreds of people from outside of Oakland who

have no stake in our community.

The City Council voted unanimously to support this legislation. Thank you to Councilmember Gallo for spearheading this effort. Final passage will occur at second reading scheduled for June 6th.



East Bay MUD 100th Anniversary Fair

When: Sunday, May 21st, 2023

Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Where: Lake Temescal Regional Recreation Area

Celebrate the EBMUD centennial at Lake Temescal! This free community event will feature local performers, food trucks, games, informational booths, and more! This event is free to the public, so no sign ups are required. Just bring yourself, family, friends, and a refillable water bottle! To learn more about this event and reserve a spot (optional), check out [this link](#).

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 ones are Saturday, June 3rd, and Saturday, July 1st.

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage and Jewish American Heritage month

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month D1 Honoree

Archana Nagraj

*Executive Director of
Destiny Arts Center*



Jewish American Heritage Month Honoree

Lisa Shulman Malul

*Executive Director of
Rebuilding Together
Oakland/East Bay*



Proud to honor and recognize two wonderful and dedicated Oakland residents--**Archana Nagraj** and **Lisa Shulman Malul**--each of whom is an executive director of an amazing local nonprofit that contributes to helping residents--young and old--in our city and beyond.

Spring Clean Review

This month the “One Oakland Spring Clean” was successful in raising awareness about City services that help make Oakland cleaner and safer—not through words, but through action. Each day, our staff came out in force to show Oaklanders our commitment to the communities we serve.

This was an effort that required collaboration across City departments and agencies, including Oakland Department of

Transportation (OakDOT), Oakland Public Works, our Councilmembers, and our staff.

Here is what we have been able to accomplish so far:

- Filled 2,700 potholes since March 1
- Doubled the number of abandoned vehicles removed per month from 150 to nearly 300
- Established and operated more than 50 volunteer sites on Earth Day throughout the City
- Established and operated 7 park cleanups with 130+ staff participating in the parks cleanup.

Thank you for your time, for your commitment, for the work you put in to ensure that we all live in a City that every resident is proud to call home. This project has shown what we can do together and has set the groundwork for future collaboration—because this was never about one week, but about one shared vision: One Oakland.

Councilmember Kalb is working on a significant ordinance to reduce plastic waste and litter overall on our streets and in our waterways. Details to follow in the coming months.

We look forward to continuing our work to make Oakland an even greater place to live, work and play.

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.

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.

Dan in the Community





Top left: Dan speaking at the Keep Oakland Beautiful annual awards gathering toward the end of April. Top right: Dan presenting the Mother of the Year award to Mary Massella Hernandez at the Rose Garden. Center: Dan participating in a Housing Now advocacy day in Sacramento meeting with policy-makers in support of important housing bills. Bottom right: With the infamous Oscar Wright at the 2023 OUSD African American Student Honor Roll gathering. Bottom left: Dan joining with Planned Parenthood Mar Monte executive director Stacy Cross at a Planned Parenthood pro-choice gathering in Oakland.

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Oakland SeeClickFix -

Call **311**- https://seeclickfix.com/web_portal/wTMihVsatbiDau5Fw66m6HF/D/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

Dan's [COVID Resources](#) page.

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>

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