

Greetings. I am happy to report that last week the City Council passed our new two-year budget. Please see the article below for some highlights. I am also sharing with you three events happening THIS month that I want to highlight and invite you to.

## City Council Adopts 2015-2017 Budget

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved the two-year budget for 2015-2017 and closed what would have been an estimated \$18 million funding gap—all without cutting vital city services. As chair of the Finance Committee, I worked closely with the Council President on preparing the final budget and am pleased that many of my proposals were adopted.



Thanks so much to the many North Oakland residents who, over the past few months, took time to share their budget priorities and recommendations with me. While our economy is better than it was 3-5 years ago, our city's coffers are not as flush as we would like. As always, we had to make choices among competing priorities and policy needs. Nevertheless, **we adopted a very good budget that prioritizes public safety and makes strategic investments in vital services for all Oakland residents.**

The budget funds five police academies as part of our effort to increase the number of officers available to patrol our neighborhoods, respond to 911 calls, and investigate serious crimes. As I have stated previously, my goal is to have a minimum of 800 sworn officers at the Oakland Police Department (OPD). This budget puts us on a trajectory in that direction.

At my request, the adopted budget also includes two additional Police Evidence Technicians to help OPD investigate and solve violent crimes. In addition, the budget restores funds to help Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils (NCPCs) throughout our city reach out to residents in their respective neighborhoods.

Other highlights that I worked on include:

- **Improving Student Success:** I am thrilled that my City-OUSD partnership proposal to hire social workers to reduce chronic absenteeism at our public schools was adopted. Chronic absenteeism and truancy are serious problems in Oakland that touch more than just the schools themselves. There are long-term consequences for all residents if we fail to address this problem. Chronic absenteeism is directly related to challenges in

achieving grade-level literacy and long-term success for our youth. It truly ‘takes a village’, and in that vein, I’m happy to report that this partnership is fully supported by OUSD. Special thanks to School Board Directors Jody London and James Harris for their enthusiastic support.

- **Expansion of Library Services:** My proposal to fund additional library hours was adopted and goes into effect July 2016. Libraries are the great equalizers in our society and we must make progress in keeping our libraries open for our residents—especially our youth.
- **Road Repaving:** When I noticed that the Administration’s budget reduced dedicated funds for road repaving in FY16-17, I challenged that proposal and worked with our Public Work Department to identify and reprogram approximately \$1.9 million of Measure BB funds back into road repaving.
- **Wildfire Prevention:** I joined with my colleague, Councilmember Anne Campbell Washington, to propose \$500,000 in funds for critical wildfire prevention.
- **Affordable Housing:** Based on the law that I authored two years ago, this budget sets aside millions of dollars for affordable housing—an urgent need in our city.
- **Government Transparency:** At my urging, the adopted budget includes a *policy directive* for the City Administration to follow up on and report back to the Council on the 2015 Transparency and Accountability recommendations of our City’s Budget Advisory Committee. I am also working on additional directives to further enhance transparency and the efficiency of government operations.

Of course, there is more work to do to provide residents with a safe and vibrant place in which to live and flourish. I look forward to working closely with my colleagues and the community to address the challenges and opportunities we face in our good city. As always, it is an honor to serve the residents of North Oakland and our entire city.

For [more information on the adopted budget, click here](#).

## [Upcoming District One Events](#)

### [Studio One Art Center Summer Fundraiser](#)

**Where:** 365 45th St, Oakland, CA 94609

**When:** Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 9:00pm

If you would like to donate original works of art (with a \$300 maximum value) or goods or services to be offered as raffle prizes, please contact the Studio One Advisory Board at [studiooneboard@gmail.com](mailto:studiooneboard@gmail.com), (510) 597-5027

**Studio One Arts Center Summer Fundraiser**

# Beer, Bites, & Bella



**Join us on Friday, July 10, 2015  
from 5:30 to 9:00 PM**

for  
a free performance by Circus Bella,  
Bites Off Broadway Food Trucks,  
Beer Garden featuring local craft beers  
Art Sale,  
Raffle  
and Studio One Open House



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## July 2015 Oakland District One Town Hall

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

**When:** Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am - Noon

At this Town Hall organized in collaboration with Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson and East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Directors Marguerite Young and Andy Katz, we are going to address one of the most pressing issues in our state – drought and water conservation. After a brief welcome from the hosts you will be able to talk with various representatives from the County of Alameda, the City of Oakland, EBMUD and other organizations who can provide you with valuable advice catered to your water bill and conservation opportunities and needs.

# OAKLAND DISTRICT ONE TOWN HALL **H2O • Drought • Conservation**

**PLEASE JOIN**  
Councilmember **DAN KALB**  
Alameda County Supervisor **KEITH CARSON**  
East Bay Municipal Utility District Directors  
**MARGUERITE YOUNG & ANDY KATZ**  
along with hands-on experts on water conservation



**Saturday, July 18, 2015**  
**10:00 AM — 12:00 PM**  
**North Oakland Senior Center**  
**5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland**

Come talk with local representatives from the City, the County, the East Bay Municipal Utility District, and other agencies about the current drought, and learn strategies for water conservation.

Please contact Olga Bolotina, office of Councilmember Kalb  
obolotina@oaklandnet.com / 510-238-7240 or  
Aisha Brown, office of Keith Carson at Aisha.Brown@acgov.org / 510-272-6695 with any questions.

Please join us!

## 2015 District One Annual Community Picnic

**Where:** Lake Temescal Regional Park, Streamside Picnic area

**When:** Sunday, July 26, Noon – 3:30pm

Last two years were a lot of fun! Once again we are looking forward to providing great space for the District One community to connect in a casual and relaxing atmosphere in one of the most beautiful parks in Oakland. We already ordered good weather! Please join us and invite your neighbors and friends!

# District One Community Picnic



**Sunday, July 26**

**Noon – 3:30 PM**

**Lake Temescal Regional Park**

**Streamside Picnic Site**

*(south side, off of Broadway Terrace next to Highway 13)*



*Councilmember Dan Kalb and his staff invite you to enjoy the afternoon in the park!*

*This event presents a great opportunity to meet and chat with your neighbors.*

*We will provide the main BBQ dish and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.*

*Parking is available in the lot for a small fee, or free parking on Broadway Terrace. You can find additional free parking on the north side of the park and walk a quarter mile around the lake to our picnic site.*

*Please contact us with any questions at 510-238-7001 or visit our website at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/CityCouncil/o/District1/index.htm>*

**We are grateful to Oakland Firefighters (IAFF Local 55) for assisting with this community event.**

As always, my past [e-newsletters can be found here](#).

Yours truly,

*Dan Kalb*

Oakland City Councilmember  
District One

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