

Summer Greetings.



I hope you find my summer newsletter informative. My staff and I are continuing to work on policy and financial matters and local problem-solving for you and your fellow residents.

Thank you for your interest.

Best, -Dan

Dan Kalb

Thank you for joining us at District One Annual Picnic! It was great to see so many familiar and new faces and talk with people about how we can make Oakland and our community better. If you missed this year's picnic, but would like to connect with me and my staff, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We want to thank Market Hall and Piedmont Grocery for donating food and drinks and supporting us year after year.

Special thanks to our Oakland Firefighters for helping us each year with the picnic. The event would truly not be the same without their participation. Not only they master the grill and help with anything we need help with, they also connect with Oakland residents, address their concerns and overall create a great friendly atmosphere. Thank you!



[Dan Kalb breaks down the City Council's Passage of the 2017-19 City Budget](#)

The City Council has adopted our City budget for the next two years (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019). I am grateful to the many North Oakland residents who took time to share their budget input and recommendations with me.

Some people have asked about the differences between the various proposed budgets that were considered or expressed confusion about what was adopted. I thought it might be helpful to clarify some basics about the budget process, the different proposals of the Mayor and the Councilmembers, and what was adopted. I also want to highlight what I succeeded in getting into our adopted budget.

The Oakland Budget is over \$1.1 billion per year, more than half of it consisting of restricted funds (moneys that, by law, can only be used for a limited purpose). Unrestricted General Purpose (GP) funds comprise less than half of the Budget. While GP funds can be spent on nearly any type of municipal expense, the reality is that most GP spending does not change between budgets. As with most cities, such funds are used for ongoing programs and services expected by the public.

After a series of town halls and meetings with department heads, the Mayor and City Administrator first introduce a proposed budget, which is an intricate and lengthy document covering the City's financing. Then, the Council President and other Councilmembers analyze the Mayor's proposed budget and propose modifications. While these modifications are important, they are comparatively small in dollars relative to the overall budget. For example, this year, each of the competing Council proposals modified less than \$30 million for both budget years (2017-19), which meant that adopting any of them would result in less than a 2% change to the Mayor's budget.

The last week of June, the final budget proposals before the Council included three that would modify the Mayor's proposal: (1) Council President Reid's proposal submitted with input from Councilmembers Campbell Washington, Guillén, and Gibson McElhaney, (2) Councilmembers Brooks and Kaplan's proposal, and (3) Councilmember Gallo's proposal. Additionally, my budget proposal offered modifications to the Council President's proposal. In the end, the Council President's budget with my modifications was passed.

Each budget proposal dedicated funding for police academies and funds to address illegal dumping, wildfire safety, and homelessness, and increased funding for the day laborer program. The Council President and Brooks/Kaplan proposals also both proposed funding for career centers, anti-displacement efforts, labor negotiations, and arts and culture grants. The Council President and Gallo proposals both proposed funding for additional school crossing guards. The Mayor's budget proposed a dozen new fire code inspectors—something that I wholeheartedly support. One of the competing proposals reduced that number in half, but fortunately we were able to defeat that proposal.

Early on in the budget process, I made my [budget priorities](#) clear to the Mayor and my colleagues and I was glad to see many of them, such as homelessness prevention and vegetation wildfire prevention inspectors, addressed in the Mayor and Council President's budgets. With the homeless crisis in our city worsening, I also arranged back in February for the administration to provide a [comprehensive report to the Council on the City's efforts to address this problem](#), along with options to do more and the related costs involved. This influenced the budget, which now funds safety and sanitation for homeless encampments, safe haven sites, family shelter beds, and operations for a second homeless navigation center. Another of my budget priorities was addressing the staffing shortage in our Tree Division, which maintains City trees, and the Council President's budget restored funding for a tree crew.

My amendments to the Council President's budget that were adopted also include:

1. additional funding for **homeless services**;
2. additional funding for **anti-displacement services**;

3. additional funding to include in **labor negotiations** for our workers;
4. restoring additional social worker for the City's partnership that I created with the School District to reduce **chronic absenteeism in our public schools**;
5. most of the funding we need to authorize a **feasibility study for public banking** (*the only budget proposal that provided such funding*).
6. restricted funding for a **neighborhood planning pilot program**;
7. funding for further **reducing stormwater trash** as required to meet state Water Board mandates on Oakland to keep trash out of the Bay (*for more information, see newsletter article on Measure KK*);
8. additional funding for **Police Commission staffing**.

In addition, the only Budget Policy Directives (mandates that must be implemented by the city administration) that were adopted were the nine that I submitted, which include:

1. STRR taxes – requiring the administration to draft an ordinance this year to mandate that Transient Residential Housing Platforms (e.g. Air BnB) collect information from Short Term Residential Rental (STRR) operators sufficient for the City to collect the full Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) that is due, including a policy option of requiring 25% of future STRR TOT to be set aside for affordable housing;

2. Department overtime disclosure – requiring future proposed budgets to include an overtime line item for each department, as recommended by the Budget Advisory Commission;

3. Transparency – requiring a paperless City Council agenda filing system, enhanced search capacity of Council agenda documents for the public, and paperless City Board and Commission agenda distribution with permanent online archiving of electronic agenda materials.

There is certainly much more to do to provide the services our residents desire. I look forward to continue working 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 beyond.

Councilmember Kalb on Homelessness

I have been working to convince my colleagues on the Council to meaningfully invest in affordable housing and pass laws granting protections and services for Oakland renters to help prevent displacement since I took office in 2013. These determined efforts—including setting aside 25% of former redevelopment tax (boomerang) funds for affordable housing, passing the Tenant Protection Ordinance, fighting for reasonable limits on pass-throughs to renters, pushing for Impact Fees to fund affordable housing—all help; but they are still not enough to solve the overall housing affordability problem. We need to adopt inclusionary zoning for affordable housing in Oakland and push the state to shore up the funding gap.

I have stated publicly that one of my biggest budget priorities this year was to address not only short-term solutions like providing services that our homeless population needs, but also commit greater attention to services that help reduce displacement over the long-term.

At my request, earlier in the year, the City of Oakland Human Services Department completed a [report](#) that detailed several options for dealing with the challenges we face with the magnitude of homeless crisis. The City of Oakland, of course, cannot take on all the necessary costs independently, so we are working closely with Alameda County and neighboring cities to address the growing problem.

As the result of the staff report, the Mayor and the Council adopted the following:

1. Added funding of homeless services *and* funding to operate the new navigation center building in the 2017-2019 budget.
2. Allocated initial Measure KK bond funding to purchase at least one property to create a new homeless navigation center building (similar to the Henry Robinson Multi-Services Center).
3. Requested Alameda County to partner with the City of Oakland and help acquire and fund services for a new navigation center building and outdoor navigation centers.

As part of Alameda County's efforts to analyze and address homelessness, last month, [EveryOne Home](#), the Alameda County program on homelessness, released the executive summary for the [2017 homeless point-in-time count and survey](#).

The report includes counts for the sheltered population without a permanent home, and transition age youth experiencing homelessness. It also contains demographic information and an updated needs assessment.

In the City of Oakland, the count found 2,761 individuals experiencing homelessness, 1,902 of whom were unsheltered. The survey also revealed that 82% of these individuals were residents of Alameda County prior to becoming homeless. The report revealed a growing number of unaccompanied children, transitional youth and veterans without a place to live.

It pains me to see people suffering and, as a member of this community and an elected official, I am continuing to work to make sure that everyone has access to a safe home. I continue to partner with my colleagues on the council, local and state elected officials and our community to identify and implement the most effective and timely solutions to solve this tremendous problem. We need to do what we can to not let the homeless encampments on our streets grow to the point of being unsafe and unhealthy for everyone. If you have solid and actionable ideas to share for resolving this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me and my staff.

Measure KK (Infrastructure & Housing Bond Measure) Spending; plus keeping trash out of stormwater drains

Last November, Oakland voters resoundingly approved Measure KK, authorizing the City to issue general obligation bonds to fund affordable housing and anti-displacement projects and improvements to infrastructure, including City streets and facilities. In the fall of last year, the City Council also approved companion legislation to support the policy framework of Measure KK, especially regarding protecting the most vulnerable Oaklanders from being displaced from their homes.

This past June, the City Council approved the first sale of these bonds, in the amount of \$125 million. Additionally, the City Council authorized \$55 million of these funds for affordable housing programs, including matching funds to be able to access eligible Alameda County bond funds, low-interest loans to lower income, senior, and/or disabled homeowners for home rehabilitation, and other programs. The passage of Measure KK will enable the construction of hundreds of crucially needed new units of affordable housing in upcoming years. Additionally, the Council voted to authorize spending Measure KK funds to **re-pave all the streets on our five-year paving plan in just two years**.

Also, this past June, the City Council authorized \$63 million of these KK funds for badly needed capital improvements for the City, including for City parks and buildings and public streets and curbs. The latter street improvements include authorization for additional trash capture systems for our stormwater drains. [This past spring](#), I requested that the Administration begin ongoing [reporting to the Public Works Committee](#) regarding the City's anticipated non-compliance with a state Water Board requirement that Oakland and many other cities reduce stormwater trash by 70% by this July. I will continue working to ensure that the City achieves compliance with this important mandate to keep our Bay clean.

City Council Greenlights Dan's Proposal for Independent Inspector General for the Police Department

As part of my work establishing an Oakland Police Commission, I proposed establishing an independent civilian Inspector General (IG) for the Police Department that reports directly to the Commission. This is generally considered a best practices reform. We're pleased to report that, on July 18th, the City Council for the first time voted to approve moving the proposal forward. Final adoption is anticipated in the fall. Once at work, the IG will further transparency, accountability and reform at OPD.

Saving Energy during the Solar Eclipse

On August 21 of this year, a partial solar eclipse will travel across California from about 9:00am until roughly noon. The sun will be at least 75% obscured in Northern California and this reduction in solar radiation will directly affect the output of California's abundant solar energy resources. While our utilities and grid operator have all the tools necessary to manage the grid during the eclipse, what if millions of Californians stepped in to allow our hard-working sun to take a break, rather than relying on expensive and inefficient natural gas peaking power plants?

By plugging into the power of California's citizens and unplugging from the grid, we can have cleaner air, keep our system reliable, and send a message to the rest of the country that we can do all of that without being forced to rely on fossil fuels as the only foundation of our electricity. Therefore, on Aug 21st, let's all get together and pledge to do one thing to reduce our energy consumption and give our hard-working sun a break. Please go to www.caleclipse.org for details.

Annual Pothole Blitz

Oakland Public Works and the Oakland Department of Transportation (OakDOT) launched the 2017 Annual Pothole Blitz this month, a seven-week intensive effort to patch potholes and perform road repair across all of Oakland.

The Pothole Blitz is a yearly City effort that comes this year on the heels of record-breaking winter storms that created thousands of new potholes on streets in every Oakland neighborhood.

District One's pothole blitz this year occurred this past week.

Throughout the year, please report potholes and other infrastructure needs here:

Online: <http://gismaps.oaklandnet.com/srwebsite/ServiceType.aspx>

Phone: (510) 615-5566

Email: opwcallcenter@oaklandnet.com

Mobile app: [seeclifix](#)



[Bikeshare Comes to Oakland](#)

A few weeks ago, I was happy to participate in the Bay Area launch of Ford GoBike Bikeshare. After about two years of working out details with the City of Oakland and our Emeryville and Berkeley neighbors, and after intensive community engagement (more than 300 meetings around the Bay Area, including several in District One (some sponsored by my office)), Ford GoBike installed the first set of bikeshare stations in Oakland, including a number of stations in the Golden Gate, Gaskill, Bushrod, Fairview Park, Temescal and Rockridge neighborhoods of North Oakland. More stations will be installed in other parts of North Oakland and the rest of the city in subsequent phases.

As a big supporter of environmentally-friendly modes of transportation, I am excited at this opportunity for Oaklanders to access a healthy, environmentally sound and affordable mode of transportation to get to and from work, do chores and get from point A to point B. As a Councilmember, I will continue to advocate for more bike lanes in appropriate locations to make this mode of transportation as safe as possible.

For more information on the bikeshare services, including annual memberships, day passes, single-ride prices, and discounted memberships for low-income residents in the Bay Area, please visit [Ford GoBike](#). You can [check the map](#) to see existing and planned GoBike locations in the East Bay. For more information on city agreements, and bikeshare background info, visit [Ford GoBike - Oakland's Bike Share Program webpage](#).

[Citywide and District One Events](#)

[Dan's Community Office Hours](#)

August 5th, 2017

10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Gaylord's Caffe Espresso
4150 Piedmont Ave.

October 7th, 2017

10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Nomad Café
6500 Shattuck Ave.

If you are a resident of Oakland Council District One and have any questions or concerns that you would like to raise with Dan, please book a 20-minute time slot to speak with Dan face-to-face. The meetings are held at

rotating cafes within the district. Please contact Monica Harris at mmharris@oaklandnet.com or at [510-238-7014](tel:510-238-7014) to schedule your appointment.

Every Sunday through August 30th – Jazz on Sundays

When: Every Sunday *through* August 30th, 3 pm - 6 pm

Where: Golden Gate Library, 5606 San Pablo Ave

Enjoy the annual [Jazz on Sundays series](#), which will feature top-notch local talent through August 30th. Each week, the headlining artist will perform at 3:00 p.m., followed by a “History of Jazz” discussion at 4:30 p.m. and a youth group performance at 5:00 p.m. Admission is free and donations to the Friends of the Golden Gate Library are welcome. These events are sponsored by the City of Emeryville and Oakland Public Library. Sunday, July 30th will feature the Calvin Keys Quartet.

For more information, please contact Erin Sanders, Branch Manager, at esanders@oaklandlibrary.org or [\(510\) 597-5023](tel:510-597-5023).

Tuesday, August 1st – National Night Out

When: Tuesday, August 1st, 6pm - 9pm

Where: Throughout Oakland

Join your neighbors in a family friendly block party for food, fun and community gathering. There will be several block parties throughout the City. This is the perfect opportunity to get to meet your neighbors and socialize with friends, old and new.

To find a block party in your neighborhood, please visit: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/nno/index.htm>

Wednesday, August 9th – Longfellow Community Association Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 9th, 7 pm - 9 pm

Where: North Oakland Community Charter School, 1000 42nd Street

Longfellow neighborhood’s monthly general meeting is your chance to speak with neighbors about pertinent issues relating to improving the community.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/LongfellowCommunityAssociation/>

Wednesday, August 9th – Golden Gate Community Association Meeting

When: Wednesday, August 9th, 7pm - 9pm

Where: Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 62nd Street

Golden Gate’s monthly community meetings are a great venue to meet neighbors to discuss important issues facing the neighborhood.

For more information, please contact Angela Gennino at angela@goldengateca.org

Saturday, August 12th – 11X NCPC Annual Garage Sale

When: Saturday, August 12th, 8am- 5pm

Where: Bushrod Park (the official address of the park is 560 59th Street) , west end

Browse and buy 2nd hand items submitted by your neighbors in this annual 11X NCPC fundraiser. You can also donate lightly-used items that are sellable to contribute to the fundraiser.

To arrange to bring your 2nd hand goods or for more information about this event, please contact Don Link at don-link@comcast.com

Saturday, August 19th – Drumming to the Ancestors of Agriculture



When: Saturday, August 19, Noon – 2 pm

Where: The Freedom Farmers' Market (5316 Telegraph Ave, near 52nd)

On August 19, experience drumming to the ancestors of Agriculture. Many cultures throughout the world use the sacred ancestral drum for communication, rituals and divine experiences. In our mothers' womb we heard her heart beating connecting us to our first sound of the drum. Bring your family or a friend to share this moment organized by The Freedom Farmers' market.

The Freedom Farmers' market is in its fifth year of creating a family marketplace to support socially disadvantaged sustainable farmers' selling produce and other vendors providing healthy food items, nutritional information, recipes, cooking demos, local talent, games, and more to foster community in Oakland. #FreshLife

To learn more about the Freedom Farmers' Market please visit: www.freedomfarmersmarket.com

August 4th to September 10th – Woodminster Summer Musicals

When: August 4th through September 10th

Where: Woodminster Amphitheatre, 3300 Joaquin Miller Rd, Oakland (Joaquin Miller Park)

[Woodminster Summer Musicals 2017](#) continues: Oakland residents get half-price tickets for any opening night! **South Pacific** is playing August 4, and **Beauty and the Beast** September 1. Just say My City and present your ID at the box office, or order online with the code: MyCity. If you can't make those performances, check the website for many more performances and more discounts including free and 75% off tickets for kids. Treat yourself and your family to a fun performance outdoors in the beautiful Joaquin Miller Park!

Sunday, August 20th – Household Hazardous Waste and Mattress Disposal drop-off

When: Sunday, August 20th, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Where: Oakland Coliseum, 7000 Coliseum Way – parking lot

Here's one more way to get out of the summer doldrums: Go through your garage and get rid of stuff you no longer need—like leftover paint, pesticides, old electronics and computers. You can bring all your leftover hazardous products to the *free* Drop-Off Event at the Oakland Coliseum. And for the first time, Alameda County residents can drop off mattresses and box springs.

- [Register for a drop off time](#) and you'll receive event details and packing instructions. *If you're dropping off mattresses only, you don't need to register for an appointment.*
- The event is free for all Alameda County homeowners and renters. *There are dedicated drop off times and a separate process for business owners.*

This event is sponsored by Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste with support from the City of Oakland and [StopWaste](#) – a public agency whose mission is to reduce waste and promote recycling in Alameda County.

Saturday, September 16th – Oakland's Creek-to-Bay Day

When: Saturday, September 16th, 9:00am – 12:30pm

Where: Various locations throughout Oakland

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

For more information or to register to participate, please visit: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/PWA/o/FE/s/ID/OAK024743>

Sunday, September 17th, Rockridge Out and About

When: Sunday, September 17th, Noon – 6 pm

Where: College Avenue between Alcatraz & Manila

This is an annual gathering that welcomes thousands from all over the region to shop, dine and explore Oakland's Rockridge neighborhood and all it has to offer. The free, family-friendly festivities run along a strollable 12-block stretch of College Avenue. Please Mark your calendars now for a fun-filled day offering delicious local food, live music, street entertainment, kid's activities and more.

To learn more about this event or to register for a booth, please visit: <http://rockridgeoutandabout.com/>

MONDAY-SATURDAY 2017, various times & dates - SUMMER PROGRAMMING AT OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Summer programming at Oakland Public Libraries has arrived! There is a wide range of activities for youth from which to choose. Activities range from reading, puppet shows, and story time, to hands-on arts, science experiments, and music! For information about programming for all ages, all summer long, visit the Oakland Public Library (OPL) website at the link below.

Additionally, the OPL will offer FREE SUMMER LUNCH FOR YOUTH (ages 18 and under) at eight library locations: 81st Avenue Branch, César E. Chávez Branch, Eastmont Branch, Elmhurst Branch, **Golden Gate Branch**, Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch, Melrose Branch, and the Main Library. This is the 7th year that OPL has partnered with the City's Department of Human Services and the Alameda County Community Food Bank to provide this great service.

For more information please contact Sharon McKellar, Community Relations Librarian, at 510-238-3513 or smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org and visit OPL Event Site: <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>

Dan Kalb in the Community



Dan with Tiffany Eng (and her family) recognizing her as a community leader on affordable housing issues and family-friendly housing.



At the Temescal branch Library with the awesome [Alphabet Rockers](#).



Presenting a Lifetime Achievement award to former State Senator Loni Hancock at the League of Conservation Voters East Bay awards reception earlier this year.



At the Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center unveiling the mural with the local artist and neighborhood leaders and children.



With Vice-Mayor Campbell Washington recognizing and thanking some of the 30+ volunteers who have served on the Wildfire Prevention District Advisory Board over the past 15 years.

In addition to receiving my periodic e-newsletter, I invite you to follow me on [Facebook](#) and/or [Twitter](#).

To read past newsletters, click [here](#).

Yours truly,

Dan Kalb [Oakland City Councilmember, District One](#)