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Dear Friend,

Council has passed a balanced budget in the face of unprecedented deficits while still working to preserve residents services and resources, especially for youth, families, and other marginalized communities. One of things we heard loud and clear was the importance of funding opportunities for community based organizations and programming, especially with the Department of Violence Prevention and the Cultural Affairs Commission. Working together, we restored monies to critical funding pots, and want to ensure that as many Oaklanders are positively impacted by these resources as possible. Some of those updates are:

Applying for Cultural Funds:

It was extremely important for Council and myself to preserve funding opportunities for community organizations and partners, despite an overwhelming deficit. Now it's time to make sure that the community applies! I highly recommend community partners and organizations that are doing the work on the ground to start the application process for these funds to expand and continue your reach, as well as your impact, on residents and communities as a whole. The schedule for the upcoming grants will be posted soon, so make sure that you create your account with iSupplier now to get updates as soon as new information is released. You can learn more about Direct Community Grants here: https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/direct-community-grant-program

For arts and culture organizations, make sure that you check out the funding opportunities from the Cultural Affairs Commission, like:

• The 23 - 25 Cultural Organization Assistance Grant Program (OA) is a two-year grant opportunity that supports Oakland-based 501(c)3 non-profit arts and culture organizations. Priority funding goes to groups deeply rooted in Oakland communities with general operating support up to \$35,000 for two years. Organizations must have received funding from the Cultural Funding Program for at least two of the last four years. Fiscally sponsored organizations are ineligible for this

grant opportunity.

 The 23 - 24 Neighborhood Voices for Festivals Grants Program, which builds belonging in City of Oakland neighborhoods through culturally-engaged festival culture. This grant opportunity amplifies the cultural expressions, stories, and heritage found within Oakland's neighborhoods and their community members who historically have not received equitable investments of resources or recognition.

Festivals supported by this grant opportunity must be in-person Oakland arts and cultural activities that are free and open to the public. This grant is festivals that are one- or multi-day events, that generally occur one time per year, and is not intended to fund ongoing programming. If you are conducting a single standing event, such as a performance or concert, this would not qualify as a festival

You can learn more about both of these grants opportunities here: https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/cultural-funding-grant-program#open-grant-opportunities

Supporting the Department of Violence Prevention

The Department of Violence Prevention has been working with community based organizations and leaders to enact their three strategies across Oakland: Gun & Group Violence Prevention, Gender Based Violence Prevention, and Community Healing & Restoration. To continue making an impact in our City, we need the support of residents and community members coming to and supporting events and actions, as well as sharing the tools and resources that you gain from engaging in this work. I highly encourage residents to check out the DVP website (https://www.oaklandca.gov/departments/violence-prevention) for regular updates and other important information.

National Night Out & Joining Your Neighborhood Council

While National Night Out began as an opportunity for the community and enforcement agencies to build trust, National Night Out has transformed into a practice of community engagement, fellowship, and safety in the context of our local neighborhoods. National Night Out focuses on building relationships between residents, community members, community organizations, enforcement agencies, elected officials, and others to engage in activating our public neighborhood spaces and increasing safety.

















This year's National Night Out was a heart-filled experience for staff and volunteers who attended events to support programming by doing outreach for Neighborhood Councils. The District 2 Staff were able to attend a range of events, from living room sit downs to block parties filling the streets, and at each one, the sense of community was palpable.

"Residents are getting used to NNO, and are starting to ask for us to do this kind of programming every month. It's a lot of planning, but seeing the families come out of their homes is really great." Said a San Antonio Neighborhood Council Member.

While National Night Out is an annual event, we know that Oaklanders need and deserve spaces to come together as a community to talk about safety and larger neighborhood issues. That's why I HIGHLY recommend that all residents join their local Neighborhood Council.

Neighborhood Councils (NCs) are resident-led groups supported by the City of Oakland that work to address and uplift issues in the community, especially as they pertain to community safety. NCs are open to all who want to join, and often have representation from Oakland Police Department and other government agencies to share updates on crime statistics and to answer questions about issues residents are experiencing.

Different Neighborhood Councils have different requirements, however, you can find all of the requirements, the Neighborhood Services Coordinator, and the beat information on THIS website. You can also sign up for the D2 NC Outreach List, which can connect you directly to your NC. For more information, feel free to check out the Neighborhood pages on our City of Oakland website!

Lastly, Although Council won't be meeting during August for recess, I and my staff are excited to continue advancing the work of the office and supporting D2 residents!

With Oakland Love,

Nikki Fortunato Bas

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District 2 Councilmember + Council President

#LoveLife

P.S. – In case you missed it, please click here for our budget update and summary.

P.P.S. – For the latest on the Oakland A's saga, check out this story on the Mayor's meeting with MLB in The Athletic.



Asian Resource Center 100th Building Anniversary

Almost 50 years ago, EBALDC obtained the historic Hibern Electric Code building and turned it into a space for local non-profit organizations to thrive and flourish, bringing innumerable resources and positive experiences to the residents of Chinatown and surrounding communities in Oakland and beyond. I am proud to be a part of the legacy of that work, and to continue supporting that work to ensure that the future of our communities is bright!



Town Nights @ San Antonio Park

This year's Town Nights hosted by Trybe have been another amazing experience for the community filled with fun, food, resources, and fellowship! Over the last month and a half, Trybe has packed San Antonio Park with hundreds of community members coming out to activate and use the Tennis Courts, which Trybe recently partnered with the D2 Office to obtain a license agreement to administer. Over the course of programming on the courts so far, over 2000K meals have been given out, more than 1000 individual participants have engaged, and multiple organizations have come to support and engage with residents. I am proud to partner with Trybe, Friends of San Antonio Park, EBAYC, and others to continue pushing forward the transformation of San Antonio Park to reflect the San Antonio Park Master Plan, and the realization of a Community Library and Resilience Center!





Neighborhood Updates:

- 1. Chinatown, Downtown, Jack London: oaklandca.gov/topics/chinatown-downtown-jack-london-neighborhood
 - 1. At the last City Council meeting, Council approved the resolution that establishes the Jack London Improvement District, and creates their Advisory Board. The Jack London Improvement District has been a great partner in working to create cleaner, safer streets through ambassador programs and their engagement with the local Neighborhood Council, and I look forward to continuing the work of making a better Oakland with them. Congratulations!

2. East Lake: oaklandca.gov/topics/eastlake_neighborhood

- 1. Affordable Housing and Deeply Affordable Housing are Coming to East Lake! Through a partnership with Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) and the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC), 160+ affordable and deeply affordable housing units will be built on the E. 12th parcels next to Dewey Continuation High School, bringing much needed affordable housing to the Oakland community. The project is set to break ground in February or March of 2024.
- 2. In July, the D2 office coordinated community meetings with residents, business owners and city staff to discuss concerns impacting the neighborhood and to strategize solutions. The discussions focused on public safety, homelessness and a clean environment and how the D2 office, city staff including Public Works, OPD, and the Encampment Management Team can work in partnership to address the issues. In addition, plans are in the works to hold a community event at FM Smith Park in September, details to come.

3. Grand Lake: oaklandca.gov/topics/grandlake-neighborhood

1. At the recent Grand Lake Neighbors (GLN) meeting, attendees discussed the high number of vacant businesses on Lakeshore Avenue and how the community, the BID and District 2 office can assist in bringing in new businesses to sustain a vibrant local economy. Contact david@grandlakeneighbors.org for more information and to sign up for GLN meeting information.

4. San Antonio: oaklandca.gov/topics/san-antonio-neighborhood

1. The second and final reading of the License Agreement Ordinance for Trybe's use of the San Antonio Tennis Courts was heard, meaning it is completely passed! A huge shoutout to Trybe and FOSAP who have already hit the ground running by hosting multiple summer programs, Town Nights programming series, and other regular

- services and events since they first got use of the courts in June.
- 2. The Master Plan is headed to the Planning Commission for the chosen Capital Improvement Projects—the playground and the Community Library and Resilience Hub. The next steps are a feasibility/implementation study that outlines the design and other necessary components of the Library and Resilience Hub, and then the design and implementation for the Playground.

Tuesday 7/18: Council Meeting RECAP

Activating San Antonio Park, Brooklyn Basin Community Facilities District, General Plan Update & More

Highlights for this coming Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 18th at 2pm (our last Council meeting before the summer recess):

- Item 6.6: Trybe, Inc., License Agreement For Use Of The San Antonio Park Tennis Courts For Community
 Programming Legislation from Council President Bas to enable Trybe to partner with the City to activate the San
 Antonio Park tennis courts for Town Nights and year round programming for the community. This was the second and
 final reading, which means final passage! This victory is another positive step towards realizing the San Antonio Park
 Master Plan and the Community Library and Resilience Center, and expanding programming and access to a huge
 swatch of the San Antonio and surrounding communities;
- Item 6.10: Civil Protection Of The People Of Oakland Ordinance This Legislation, which came from the Office Of The City Attorney, was passed on the consent calendar. Council President Bas and others' decision helps to outline and strengthen the City Attorney's authority to bring civil actions to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Oaklanders and equitably enforce violations of City law such as tenant rights, wage theft and environmental protections. Make sure to check out the article in The Oaklandside.
- Item 8.1: Jack London Improvement District Of 2023 With a parcel vote of more than 65%, the resolution
 continuing the Jack London Improvement District and constitutes their Advisory Board, was passed by Council
 unanimously. Congratulations!
- Item S8.4: Brooklyn Basin Community Facilities District Matters Public hearing on the formation of an additional Community Facilities District in Brooklyn Basin to allow the additional 600 residential units to provide public financing for a portion of the public improvements, among other things.
- S10: Salary Ordinance Amendment for Mayor After much thoughtful conversation, Council was able to reach consensus on offering the Mayor the minimum allowable amount for salary increase. Read the Oaklandside for the "real deal" on this issue.

For more information including how to share public comment for those items you care about, see the agenda for instructions — or submit an e-comment (24 hours before the meeting). We look forward to seeing and hearing from you!



Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce's Clinton Park Cleanup | August 6th, 2023, from 11am - 1:30pm
Join OVCC and partners as they do their monthly Clean Up Clinton Park! Support the community as they work to ensure that public spaces are clean, clear, and safe for all, and that all residents are treated with respect, dignity, and compassion. RSVP to support! As always, snacks are provided after!



Camp out at Children's Fairyland! Join fellow Oaklanders this summer for magical themed nights under the stars where you and your family will enjoy rides, special performances, storybook sets, dinner, and an unforgettable outdoor overnight experience! Bring a tent and sleeping bags—let them do the rest! Tickets: \$65 per person. Includes dinner and continental breakfast! Space is limited so reserve your spot today! The next two dates are: July 22, (Puppets), and Aug 4 (Fairies). Tickets and more information here.



Lao Family Youth Conference - August 4th, 2023

Hosted at Lao Family Headquarters in Oakland, CA, participants will mingle, enjoy delicious food, activities, prizes, booths and more! They have a wonderful panel of speakers lined up -- You don't want to miss this!



Oakland United Rowing Team High School 'Learn To Row' Classes Starting Soon!

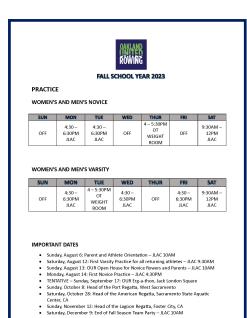
The Oakland United Rowing Team's High School 'Learn To Row' class is about to start! No experience is required to become a part of this great Oakland team that introduces Oakland Unified School District High School students to rowing in a fun, on-thewater environment. You can learn about the Oakland United Rowing programs and more here.











Cycles of Change 4th Annual Bike-A-Thon | August 25th, from 1 - 2pm

Cycles of Change's fourth annual Bike-a-Thon is coming up on Friday, August 25. This event will gather cyclists of all backgrounds to ride around Lake Merritt for one common goal: to support Cycles of Change's transportation justice and youth empowerment work! For this year's Bike-a-Thon, they are honoring their 25 years of community based work and harnessing community power to ensure the coming 25 years of Cycles' work in East Oakland. You can sign up to be a rider, make a pledge, and more here.



Lincoln Summer Nights - monthly on 2nd Thursdays, next is August 10th

Lincoln Summer Nights is an amazing community program at Lincoln Square Park happening every 2nd Thursday from 5 - 8pm. For the past 6 years, Friends of Lincoln Square Park has held Lincoln Summer Nights, a monthly multi-generational (seniors and youth) community building event in partnership with many other Oakland Chinatown organizations. The goal of the series is to strengthen community bonds by co-creating a shared sense of belonging between generations and across racial and socioeconomic divides. The event series focuses on bringing art, culture, games, and other services and resources to youth, families, seniors, and the community. See you all there!



Friday Nights at OMCA: The Roots of Hip Hop Culture | August 4th

This marks the first time OMCA will have a practitioner of Hip Hop culture curating its Friday Nights lineup. Each program takes a deep dive into the many facets, history, relevance, and joy of Hip Hop culture, right at home in Oakland! In addition to this special, celebratory programming, there will be plenty of signature Friday Nights features, including two streets packed with Off-the-Grid Food Trucks and the OMCA campus alive with music, dancing, OMCA's award-winning galleries of art, history, and science and more! Learn more here: https://www.visitoakland.com/event/friday-nights-at-omca%3a-the-roots-of-hip-hop-culture/31445/



Bulky Block Party - Every last Saturday of the month

Oakland residents! Do you have bulky items that you just can't seem to get rid of? Let the City help! Come to one of our Bulky Block Parties every last Saturday of the month.

Who can participate?

- · All Oakland residents, including home owners and renters.
- Who cannot come: businesses, for-hire haulers, contractors, painters, organizations, apartments & condominium managers, clubs, and non-profits.

For more information, check out the website here, or see the flyer below for more info.



m City & District 2 News and Resources m

NEWS:

- As we gear up for school to begin again, *learn about OUSD's First African American Superintendent* here: https://oaklandside.org/2023/07/26/new-exhibit-about-ousds-first-black-superintendent-opening-at-aamlo/, and *the Possible OUSD Teacher Shortage* here: https://oaklandside.org/2023/07/25/ousd-oakland-unified-teacher-shortage-hiring-bilingual-special-education/
- I am proud to have co-sponsored the measure that brings Democracy Dollars to Oakland, and to have continued the process of making it real through this most recent budget cycle by directly allocating funds for this purpose. You can learn more about that and Oakland's Democracy Dollars here: https://oaklandside.org/2023/07/26/oakland-democracy-dollars-delayed-until-2026-election-campaign-finance/
- While building may not start until 2023 if the project gets the necessary support, the *Proposed Bike Bridge to Alameda is coming back into the spotlight*: https://oaklandside.org/2023/07/26/bicycle-pedestrian-bridge-oakland-alameda estuary/
- Recently, Oakland City Council decided to urge PGE to begin evaluating the process for under grounding power lines in the Oakland hills for the safety of residents. Learn more about through this Oaklandside article: https://oaklandside.org/2023/07/24/oakland-pge-power-lines-montclair-wildfire-prevention/
- Learn more about the changes coming to Oakland's Main Library. "It wouldn't be a library redesign without a storytelling element. At a second workshop on Aug. 5, participants will learn about the building blocks of a narrative, then share personal stories about "what a new branch library means to you and your community." These stories will help inform a video that BAVC Media will make as part of the feasibility study." More here from the Oakland Public Library and in the Oaklandside.
- Broadway Streetscape Improvements

The Oakland Department of Transportation's (OakDOT) Major Projects Division is working to deliver projects that will strengthen connections between West Oakland, Chinatown, Downtown, Old Oakland, and the Jack London District.Staff are starting outreach and design for the Broadway Streetscape Improvements, which is focused on Broadway between 2nd and 11th Street and between 20th Street and Grand Avenue. The project aims to improve safety and accessibility for people who walk, roll, and take transit along Broadway. The scope of improvements has been informed by previous community engagement and adopted plans. Improvements may include curb extensions, ADA curb ramps, high visibility crosswalks, bus-only lanes, and improvements to the Broadway/I-880 underpass (such as pedestrian lighting).



Your input is needed! Fill out a short survey to tell the project team about your priorities for traveling along Broadway and what types of improvements you're excited about. The survey is available in English, Chinese, and Spanish. More information about the project can be found at: oaklandca.gov/broadway For questions, contact the project team at MPD@oaklandca.gov.

RESOURCES:

Chinatown, Downtown, Jack London: oaklandca.gov/topics/chinatown-downtown-jack-london-neighborhood

East Lake: oaklandca.gov/topics/eastlake_neighborhood Grand Lake: oaklandca.gov/topics/grandlake-neighborhood San Antonio: oaklandca.gov/topics/san-antonio-neighborhood

Information & Support for Tenants & Property Owners as Covid-19 Eviction Moratorium Ends on July 15th

- On July 15, 2023, the City of Oakland's COVID-19 pandemic-related eviction moratorium will sunset. The City is
 conducting an educational campaign to provide tenants and property owners with the information they need to
 understand how this policy change affects them, what their rights are, and how they can access support. Learn more
 here: www.oaklandca.gov/news/2023/oakland-eviction-moratorium-phase-out
- The Rental Adjustment Program will host several workshops, starting on July 19th until November 15th. For more information, you can also check out the RAP website here: www.oaklandca.gov/RAP
- I'm proud to have authored the original eviction moratorium legislation in March 2020 and to have worked with my colleagues and the community along the way to protect tenant rights, help prevent displacement, and with the adopted budget to have added \$1 million per year to provide tenant legal services.

Oakland Fire is Now Recruiting for Entry Level Firefighter EMT & Paramedics

Application Period: August 3 - August 9, 2023. Are you ready to serve Oakland by helping fight fires and keep our community safe? Then you should apply to be a part of the Oakland Fire Department.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. High school diploma or GED
- 2. EMT or Paramedic License
- 3. Driver's License
- 4. CPAT within last 6 months

Learn More -- Watch: https://youtube.com/watch?v=sxvtlT125g4

<u>Cultural Funding Program Grant Applications</u>

Applications are now being accepted for the City of Oakland's 2022-2023 Cultural Funding Program grants supporting organization programs and individual artist projects. Applicants must be Oakland-based and all activities must be presented in Oakland between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. The submission deadline is Thursday, August 31, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Oakland Hosts Business Matchmaking Event

Approximately 125 local and small local businesses, along with community stakeholders and industry groups, will take part in the City's first ever business matchmaking event this Wednesday at the Main Oakland Library. This inaugural event will allow small businesses the opportunity to have one-on-one meetings with larger contractors and City representatives to learn about specific contracting and subcontracting opportunities available through the City's \$500 million 2023-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The matchmaking event is slated to take place on Wednesday, 7/26/23, from 4:30pm-6:30pm in the Main Room of the Main Oakland Library at 125 14th Street. Interested businesses and community partners can still register by emailing slbe@oaklandca.gov or calling 510-238-7524

One-Stop Permit Center Expands Hours!

Oakland's One-Stop Permit Center has expanded its hours to better serve our customers. Monday walk-in services have expanded by two hours. Walk-in services are now Mondays from 9 am - 3 pm, and Wednesdays from 10 am - 2 pm. Appointments are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am - 4 pm.

Our Boards & Commissions have vacancies! Join today!

To advance a #PeoplePoweredGovernment, we need residents like YOU to be a part of our Boards and Commissions! There are over forty boards and commissions, each with a specific stake in keeping Oakland running. Check out vacancies and apply today! Some Boards and Commissions you may be interested in are:

- Police Commission Selection Panel
- Community Policing Advisory Board
- Children's Fund Planning & Oversight Committee
- Affordable Housing & Infrastructure Bond Public Oversight Committee
- · Commission on Persons with Disabilities
- Public Art Advisory Commission
- Library Advisory Commission

Abandoned Autos

The City of Oakland prefers you to use these contacts in the case of abandoned vehicles (over 311 or 911).

- Call Vehicle Abatement Detail at (510) 777-8538 and leave a voicemail message; or Email vehicleabatement@oaklandca.gov
- If a vehicle is blocking your driveway and you can't get out, call police non-emergency at (510) 777-3333. An officer will

be dispatched to cite and/or tow the vehicle as appropriate.

• If a car is parked in your parking stall on private property, talk to your apartment manager or property manager. Oakland Police will not tow in this case.

Click here for more information about vehicle abatement

Job Opportunities: Apply & Share!

Find City of Oakland Jobs here!

