

November 3, 2025

OAKLAND YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at **5:35pm** by Ashley Tchanyoum

Roll Call Commissioners

Present:

Haniel Kebede (D1), Kayson Naik (D2), Quincy Russell (D3) Mevoh Ajayi (D4), Cesia Gonzalez (D6), Ella Killingsworth (D7), Calupe Kaufusi (At-Large), Nathan YuHeng Li (At-Large), Ashley Tchanyoum (At-Large), Dylan Granger (At-Large), Naomi Paz Romero-Price (At-Large), Pelayo C.D. Llamas III (At-Large), Sophia Tien Nguyen (At-Large), Edward Lorenzo (At-Large), Elizabeth Moreno (At-Large)

Excused: *Merwy Pablo Ortiz (D5)*

Welcome

Agenda Review, Approve Minutes

Motion to approve: Ashley Tchanyoum

Seconded: Mevoh Ajayi

Check In:

Question: How was your Halloween weekend? What was your costume and what did you do?

Executive Committee – Adoption of Elected Members (**Action**)

Motion to approve: Ashley Tchanyoum

Seconded: Mevoh Ajayi

Activity: City of Oakland City Council – Who's Who

Commissioners tried to put the face to the name and district for each Council member.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Item 1: Guest Presentation: At-Large Council Member Rowena Brown, Education Partnership Committee (**See PowerPoint Below**)

Commissioners asked Council Member Brown about leading the budget process and the effort to create an AI Hub in Oakland.

Item 2: Guest Presentation by Adriana Villegas, OUSD All City Council (ACC)
(See PowerPoint Below)

Break and Icebreaker game: Imposter

Motion to extend the meeting by 3 minutes

Motion to approve: Ashley Tchanyoum

Seconded: Mevoh Ajayi

Item 3: Prep for Swearing in with Mayor postponed until the next meeting

Announcements: Next meeting is on Monday, November 17th at 5:30pm

Executive Committee will meet from 5:00-5:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33pm.

At-Large Councilmember Rowena Brown

Oakland Youth Commission

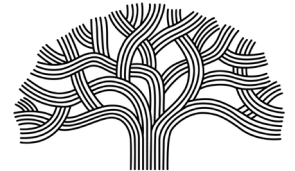
Presentation

November 3rd, 2025



Intros

- Name & Pronouns
- District / Neighborhood
- School & Year/Grade
- Favorite Subject or Major



CITY OF OAKLAND

Introduction

Meet Your Oakland At-Large City Councilmember

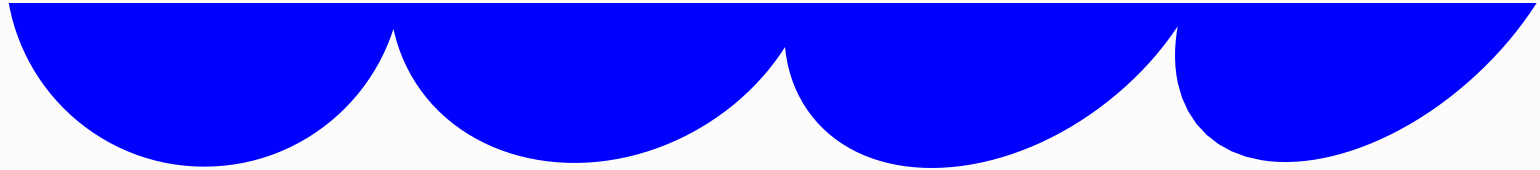


Rowena Brown was sworn in as your At-Large Oakland City Councilmember in January of 2025. She is a proud East Bay local with deep roots in Oakland. She has a wide range of experience, serving previously as a State Legislative District Director, City of Oakland constituent services coordinator, workforce development coach, civics education teacher, and award-winning community organizer who graduated from Laney College, Mills College, and the University of California, Law San Francisco.

As a Black and queer woman who lost both of her parents by the age of 17, Rowena knows firsthand why Oaklanders need healthcare, safety, affordable housing, the right to a clean neighborhood, and why a thriving small business and local economy is essential for all.

That's why Rowena has been leading efforts to address blight and illegal dumping, fix potholes, shut down drug hot spots, and secure Oakland's fair share of State resources to fight human trafficking, reduce gun violence, and protect the air we all breathe.

Oakland City Council Overview



Oakland City Government

Founded: 1852 – one of California's oldest and most diverse cities

Population: ~430,000 residents

Known For:

- Deep roots in social justice movements (Black Panthers, disability rights)
- Vibrant food, arts, culture, and music scene
- Beautiful neighborhoods, redwood parks, and the Oakland hills

City Government:

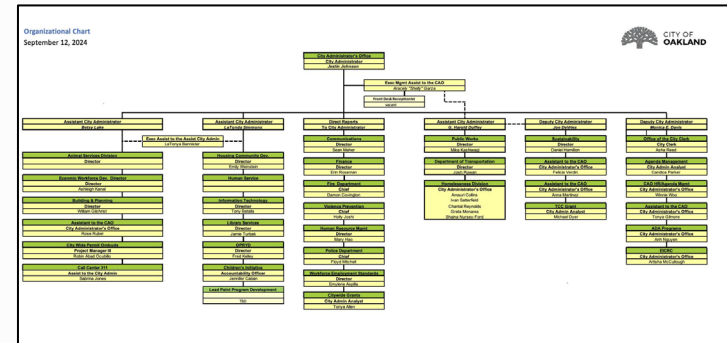
- Mayor + 8 City Councilmembers (7 district reps, 1 At-Large)
- City Administrator handles day-to-day operations & city departments
 - Departments include: Oakland Police Department (OPD), Department of Transportation (OakDOT), Housing & Community Development, Parks, Recreation & Youth Development (OPRYD), Public Works

Fun Facts:

- Home to Lake Merritt – the oldest wildlife refuge in the U.S.
- Birthplace of the Mai Tai, hyphy movement, and so many legends
- Oakland has over **125 spoken languages** in its public schools



COO Org Chart



Oakland City Council

Legislative Body of the City of Oakland – they make the laws, policies, and budget decisions

8 Councilmembers total:

- **7 District-based** (representing different parts of the city)
- **1 At-Large Member** (represents the entire city – that's us!)

Led by the Council President, elected by fellow Councilmembers

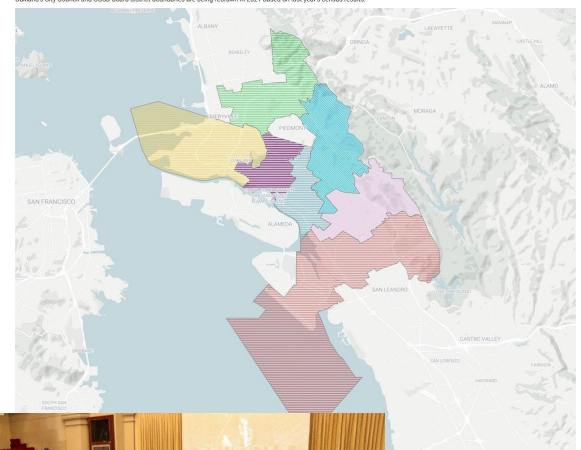
Works in partnership with the **Mayor** (executive) and **City Administrator** (operations)

Main Responsibilities:

- Pass city ordinances and resolutions
- Approve and amend the city budget
- Conduct oversight of city departments and services
- Hold public hearings and listen to community concerns

Council meetings are **open to the public** and livestreamed!

- Councilmembers rely on **staff and interns** to research, engage with community, and help move policy forward



Oakland City Council

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Charlene Wang

District 2 Councilmember



Carroll Fife

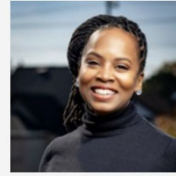
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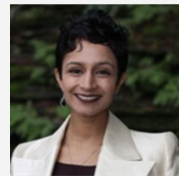
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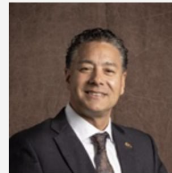
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Rowena Brown

Councilmember At Large

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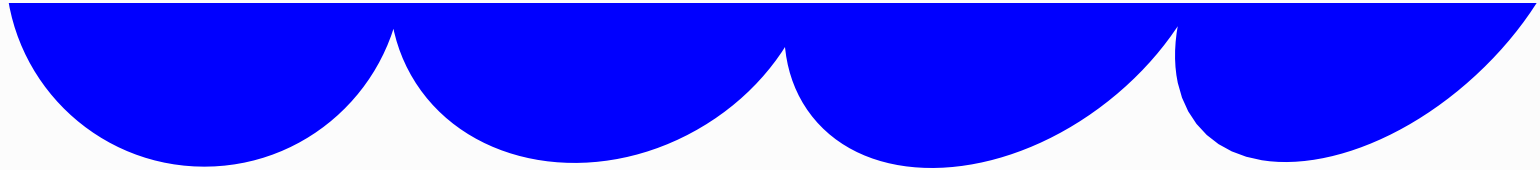
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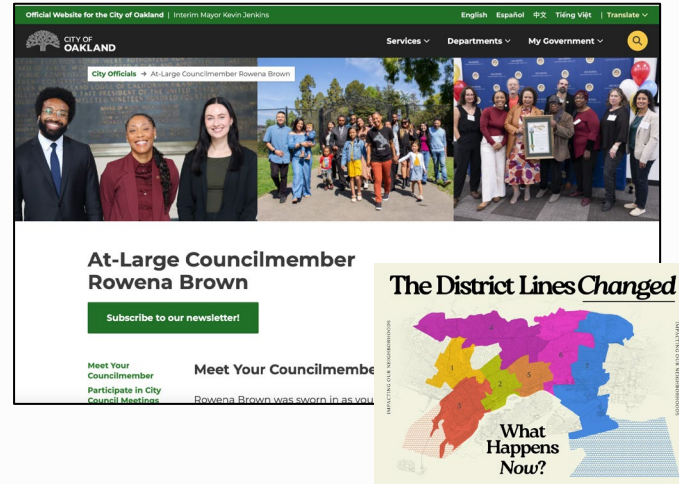


At-Large Office Overview



Overview of At-Large Office

- The At-Large Councilmember represents the entire city — all districts, all neighborhoods
 - Focuses on citywide equity, collaboration, and big-picture solutions
- Works across communities to uplift shared priorities, like:
 - Economic Development
 - Public Safety
 - Clean & Safe Streets
 - Housing & Homelessness
 - Parks & Open Space Investments
 - Fiscal Health



At-Large Council Committees

Finance & Management	Member	Tuesdays at 9:30 AM
<i>Public Works & Transportation</i>	<i>Non-member</i>	<i>Tuesdays at 11:30 AM</i>
Community & Economic Development	Chair	Tuesdays at 1:30 PM
<i>Life Enrichment</i>	<i>Non-member</i>	<i>Tuesdays at 4:00 PM</i>
Public Safety	Member	Tuesdays at 6:00 PM
Rules & Legislation	Member	Thursdays at 10:30 AM
Education Partnerships	Chair	Meets when convened

Get involved!

Oakland City Council Meetings Public Comment

Oakland City Council meetings are public and typically held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month.
For more information: <https://oakland.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>

1

EMAIL COMMENTS

Email your comments to council@oaklandca.gov.
(E-comments should be submitted 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.)

2

ZOOM COMMENTS

Submit an Electronic Speaker Card (to speak via Zoom) by clicking the "ecomment" button next to the meeting date on [Legistar](https://oakland.legistar.com).

- You must sign in to speak for each agenda item.
- Your Zoom name will be recognized when the item is up - unmute yourself to speak (press "6" if calling in by phone).

3

IN-PERSON COMMENTS

In the council chambers, approach the desk towards the front to obtain a speaker card.

- Complete a speaker card for each item you wish to publicly comment on. Speaker cards must be submitted prior to the item being called.
- You will be called to the podium to speak for your allotted time.

City Council Chambers are located on the 3rd floor of City Hall,
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland

CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE
ROWENA BROWN
FOR THE PEOPLE

Discussion Prompt:
*Which committees are you
most interested in
attending?*

Boards & Commissions



LEAGUE OF
**CALIFORNIA
CITIES**



**YOUTH
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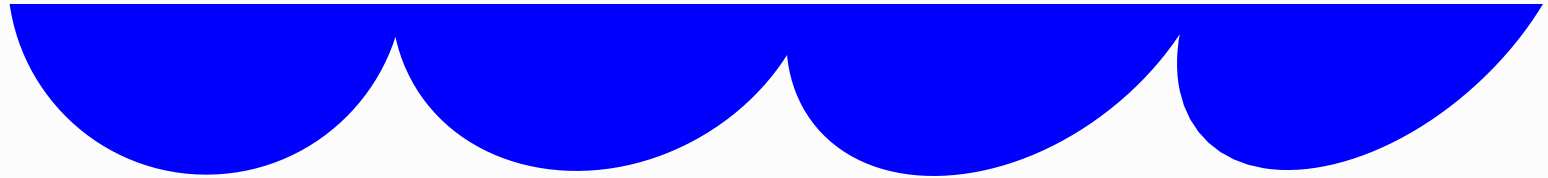


Community
Energy



Alameda County
Transportation Commission

Legislative Updates



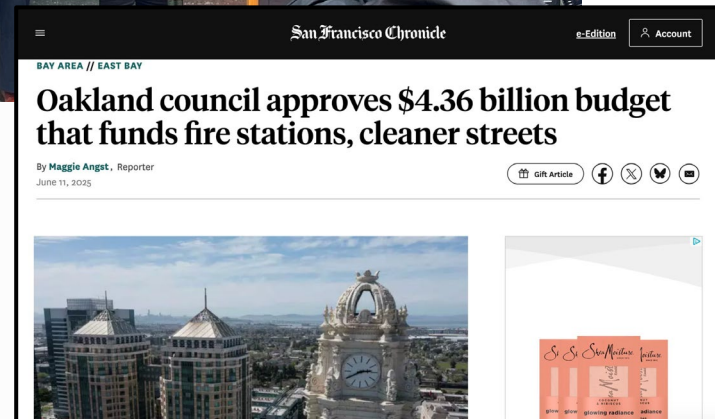
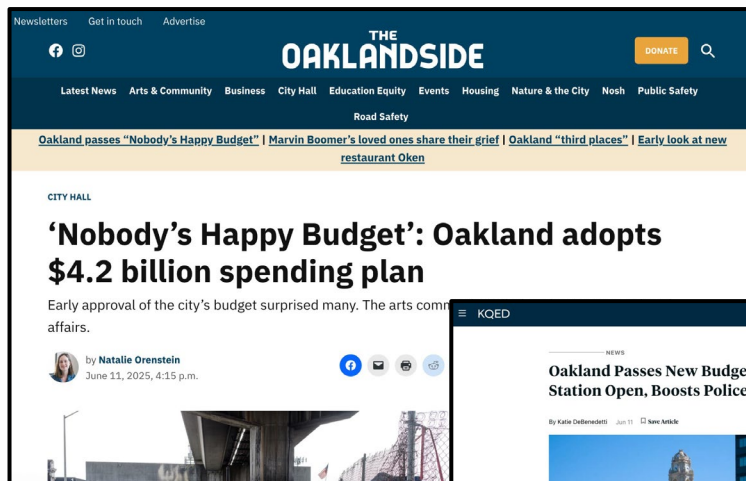
City Council Update

- Legislation
 - Homelessness Prevention Program
 - Oakland Housing Secure
 - LGBTQ Cultural District Rainbow Crosswalks
 - AB 1242 Language Access
- Ceremonials: Pride Month, Women's History Month, Black History Month, Maia Correia Bikeway, Rickey Henderson Way

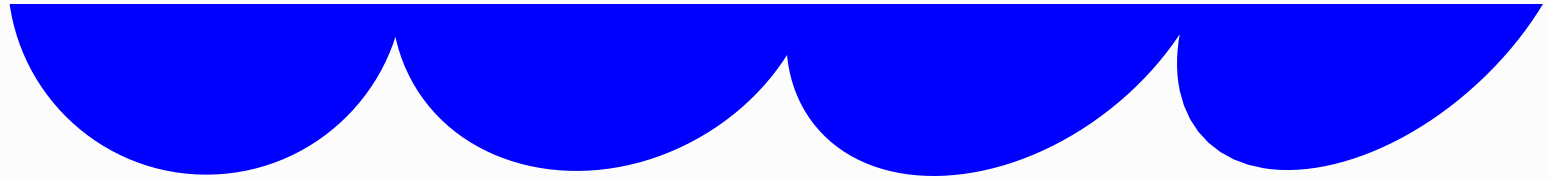


Budget Team

Our changes to the Mayor's proposed budget include no employee layoffs, keeping all 25 of our fire stations open, making investments to public safety, adding graffiti abatement positions, tree services, saving funding for programs that support our homeless population, and much more!



Education Partnership Committee



Education Partnership Committee

Purpose - The Education Partnership Committee brings together City Council and School Board members to collaborate on issues related to education, youth programs, and community partnerships.

City of Oakland Members:

- Chair: Councilmember Brown (At-Large)
- Councilmember Houston (District 7)
- Councilmember Gallo (District 5)
- Councilmember Unger (District 1)
- City Administration Staff:
 - CAO Lead: ACA Phillips
 - Clerk: Teresa Anlavan
 - OCA: Selia Warren

OUSD School Board Members:

- President: Brouhard (District 2)
- Vice President: Bachelor (District 6)
- Member: Berry (District 5)
- Member: Hutchinson (District 4)
- Student School Board Member - Marianna Smith
- Student School Board Member - Maximus Smith

Education Partnership Committee

Last Meeting (9/22):

3 Subject: State Of Education In Alameda County
From: Councilmember Brown
Recommendation: Receive An Informational Report From Alameda County Superintendent Alysse Castro On The State Of Education In Alameda County
[26-0039](#)

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [View Report](#)

Pursuant To Rule 28(A) Of Resolution 90066 C.M.S., This Item Was Added To This Agenda

4 Subject: State Of Education In Oakland Unified School District
From: Councilmember Brown
Recommendation: Receive An Informational Report From Oakland Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Denise Saddler On The State Of Education In OUSD
[26-0040](#)

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [View Report](#)

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5 Subject: Tech Pathways In Oakland Unified School District
From: Councilmember Brown
Recommendation: Receive An Informational Report From Oakland Unified School District Computer Science Coordinator Sam Berg And Northeastern University Bridge To AI Director Alli Chagi-Starr On Tech Pathways In OUSD
[26-0041](#)

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [View Report - OUSD Tech Pathways](#)

[View Report - CS For Oakland](#)

[View Report - Bridge To AI Program](#)

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6 Subject: School Safety In Oakland Unified School District
From: Councilmember Brown
Recommendation: Receive An Informational Report From Oakland Unified School District Executive Director Of School Safety Nelson Alegria On School Safety In Oakland Unified School District
[26-0042](#)

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [View Report](#)

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Ask

**Present at the next Education Partnership
Committee meeting (February)**

Introduce yourself & the commission & share
your work!

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Questions?

WHAT IS





What's ACC?

- All-City Council is a student led union that seeks to create positive change in our schools.
- We aim to create opportunities for engaging students on issues that affect them most whether it is directly at the school sites or at the district level.
- GB: Governing Board, diverse team of student leaders who represent and are elected by the masses of students at our schools.



Who Is In ACC 2025

Student Directors: Maximus Simmons & Marianna Smith

LCAP Directors: Lina Nguyen & Calupe Kaufusi

Health & Wellness Director: Sophie Mehoulley

Culture & Climate Director: Eman Ibrahim

President: Ashley Tchanyoum

Vice President: Inara Shafiq

Historian: Louis Allen

Media Director: Amina Tongun

Secretary: Nahla Rasheed Kaplan



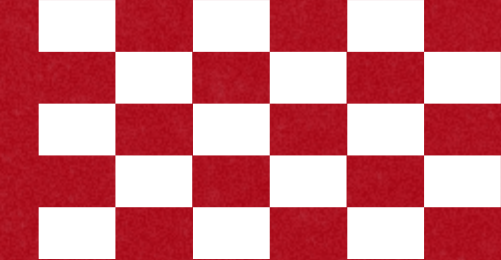


What do we do?

- organize campaigns and activities to serve the assessed needs of our constituents
- collaborate with district leaders and staff to represent student voices and make real impact

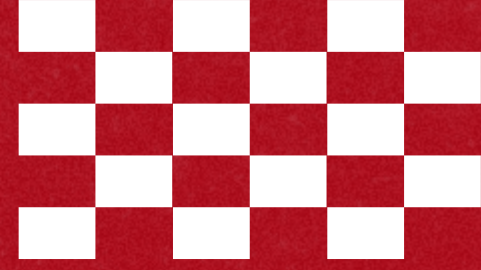


WHAT DO I DO?



- PROMOTE STUDENT VOICE AND LEADERSHIP
 - I work to empower students to participate in school governance, leadership, and advocacy, ensuring their voices are heard.
- ADVOCATING FOR EQUITABLE PRACTICES
 - Committed to advancing racial justice in education by advocating for the needs of all students, particularly those from marginalized communities.
- IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES
 - I Aim to increase student attendance, achievement, and overall well-being.
- COMMUNITY ORGANIZING
 - Engage in community organizing to build capacity within OUSD and expand participation in learning, leadership, and advocacy.
- CONNECTING STUDENTS TO RESOURCES
 - Connect students and families with resources and support services to address their needs and enhance their educational experience.





Student Engagement Standards

1. Knowledge of Self
2. Ability to action plan and lead school improvement projects or campaigns
3. Attitude of ownership of school and education
4. Understanding of and ability to represent constituents
5. Ability to participate in youth-adult decision making





What have we done?



OYV! (Oakland Youth Vote)

- Campaign idea came out of an ACC High School retreat pre -COVID
- Born out of students frustrations towards the lack of voice they had in things going on in their schools
- Officially Implemented in 2024!
- In collaboration with YOU, OYC as well as OKF, YT, AYPAL, and CFJ.





What have we done?

Making A-G Real

- In 2009, MSE creates “A -G” resolution based on student action research. Board adopts resolution to make high school graduation requirements meet “A G” college entrance requirements, to implement with 9th grade class of fall 2011.
- passed by the School Board in June 2009, will make sure that all OUSD
- graduates will be eligible to go to college, whereas only about 1/3 of Oakland’s public
- high school graduates are currently eligible to apply to a University of California and
- California State University.



What have we done?

Restorative Justice Resolution

- In 2010, MSE advocates and creates a resolution to implement Restorative Justice at all High Schools, as an alternative to suspensions. Nikkita Mitchel, ACC Alumni (Castlemont High School student at the time) spear headed this effort. Students were trained and then students trained teachers.

What are our priorities?

- Inclusion
- Nutrition
- Career Exploration



Why is our work important?

- Give students a voice in places they aren't traditionally in a school district
- Students should know about the inner workings of their district and how they are affected by them



ACC Structure

General High School Meetings

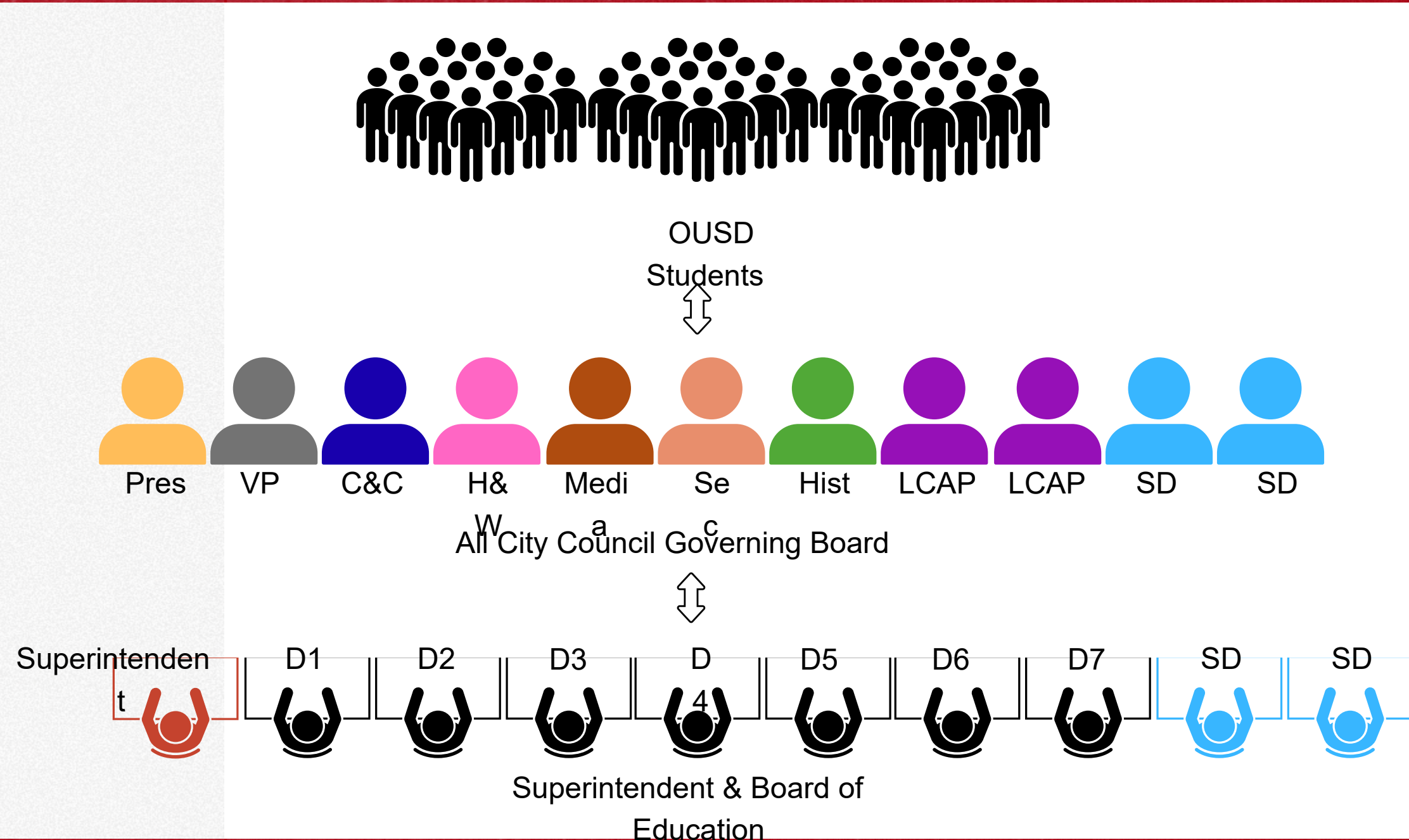
- Dates: Nov. 13th, Jan. 29th, March 26th

General Middle School Meeting

- Dates: Dec. 16th, Jan. 20th, Feb. 10th

Ethnic Studies and Peer Resource Conference (MS)

Youth Action Summit Strategizing and Elections (HS)





2025 High School Fall Retreat

*25 Student Participants from 10 high schools

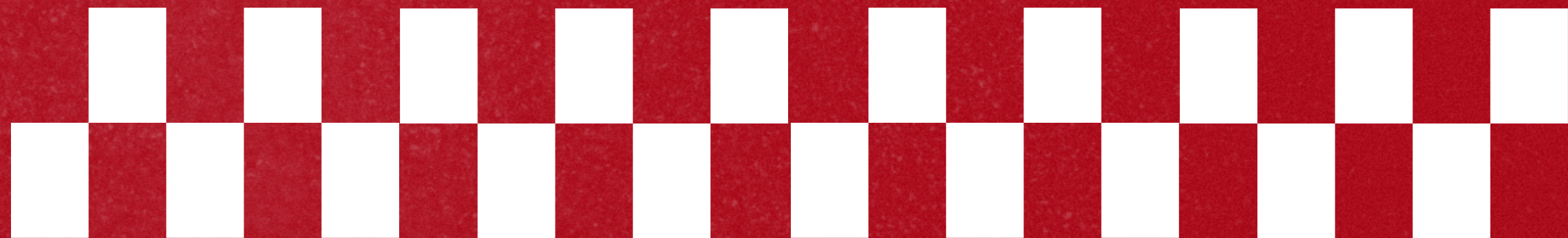


2024 Middle School Ethnic Studies and Peer Resource Conference

*Over 220 Student Participants from 10 middle schools



Questions?



Website: <https://www.ousd.org/equity/all-city-council-student-union>

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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students