

CITY OF OAKLAND

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the City of Oakland Budget Advisory Commission (BAC) is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:00 PM**

The Budget Advisory Commission will be held in Council Chambers.

Members of the Public have the following options to observe the meeting:

- 1. Watch the meeting on KTOP using Granicus.**
- 2. Use the Zoom link attached to this agenda to remotely observe the meeting.**

Commission Members:

Mandela Bliss, Larisa Casillas, Mike Forbes, Ben Gould, Mike Petouhoff, Karen Roye, Jane Yang, Stephisha Ycoy-Walton, Vanessa Zamora, Rana Bader Matly

City Representative(s):

Tiffany Kirk Patrick, Walter Silva, & Asti Jenkins – Finance Department

Meeting Agenda:

- 1. Welcome and Admin Matters - 10 min**
- 2. Council Updates - 20 min**
 - 1. Finance & Management Committee (FMC) updates**
 - 2. Result of Measure E vote and implications on the budget**
 - 3. Report out of June 1 presentation of BAC mid-cycle budget recommendations to Council**
- 3. FY27-29 Resident Survey Big Picture - 55 min**
- 4. Staff Updates and Commissioner's Protocol - 10 min**
 - 1. New BAC appointment and review of open seats**
 - 2. Standard language and labels for presentations, draft documents**
 - 3. City Clerk's Office: reminder on communication protocols for staff outreach**
- 5. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes - 5 min**
- 6. Special election for Chair - 10 min**
- 7. Open Forum - 10 min**

Attachments (1)

- 2027-29 Oakland Budget Survey Draft**

Adjournment

Hello and welcome,

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: June 10, 2026, 6:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Meeting of the City of Oakland Budget Advisory Commission (BAC)

Please click the link below to join the webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82745108829> .

Or One tap mobile :

+16694449171,,81584763954# US

+16699006833,,81584763954# US (San Jose)

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 719 359 4580 US

+1 253 205 0468 US

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 305 224 1968 US

+1 309 205 3325 US

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 360 209 5623 US

+1 386 347 5053 US

+1 507 473 4847 US

+1 564 217 2000 US

+1 646 931 3860 US

+1 689 278 1000 US

Webinar ID: 827 4510 8829

International numbers available: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kc4erTBb6i>

Budget Advisory Commission

In preparation for our 2027-2029 budget priority survey, the BAC community engagement and education ad hoc committee would like to solicit feedback from the BAC on possible survey questions. These questions include those that were asked in 2023-2025, as well as 2025-2027 surveys. We will request input from allies, including community members, commissioners, finance department staff, and others. We plan to bring the survey questions back to the BAC one more time before sharing with the public.

The following are questions that were asked in the 2025-2027 budget survey.

-
1. Are you a resident of the city of Oakland? *Required question; if No, end survey*
 2. Demographic information:
 - A. Gender
 - B. Age
 - C. Race
 - D. District or zip code
 - E. Homeowner/renter
 - F. married/single/domestic partner
 3. Generally speaking, how would you rate Oakland as a place to live: is it an excellent place to live, a good place, only fair, or a poor place to live? *Required*
 - A. Excellent
 - B. Good
 - C. Fair
 - D. Poor
 - E. Don't know
 4. Do you approve or disapprove of the overall job being done by Oakland City government in providing services to the people who live here? *Required*
 - A. Strongly approve
 - B. Somewhat approve
 - C. Somewhat disapprove
 - D. Strongly disapprove
 - E. Don't know
 5. Which of the following is most important to you to make Oakland a place you're happy to call home? (Select up to 3)
 - A. Clean and well-maintained streets
 - B. Affordable housing
 - C. Affordable and healthy food
 - D. More people are safely housed

- E. Accessible after-school programs and other youth programming
- F. Feeling safe when walking and/or leaving my car alone
- G. Timely and effective emergency responders
- H. Vibrant arts and culture scene
- I. Robust small business economy
- J. Other, write here:

6. In the last 5 years, how has Oakland's budget most impacted your household and/or work? (Select up to 3)

- A. Reduced public safety resources
- B. Reduced maintenance (e.g. more potholes, more vandalism, more illegal dumping, reduced cleanliness, reduced sidewalk and bike accessibility)
- C. Reduced access to affordable and healthy food
- D. Reduced access to affordable housing
- E. Reduced access to after-school programs and other youth programming
- F. Reduced grant funding
- G. Reduced support for small businesses
- H. N/A - I have not noticed any changes in the last 5 years
- I. Other, write here:

7. Oakland needs to close a ~\$120M/year gap in its annual budget through a combination of earning more revenue and spending less. For each of the following aspects of life in Oakland, which option would you rather be taken?

[This section needs more discussion]

8. *Note: The purpose of this survey is to provide City Council with Oakland resident perspective. The survey intentionally asks you to pick one of the three provided options to promote prioritization. City Council will likely be considering other options as well. This survey will not be the sole decider of any budgetary decisions made by the City Council.*

- A. For public safety...
 - a. Expand MACRO, the use of civilian teams, instead of police, to respond to quality of life calls or calls where someone is having a mental health crisis.
 - b. Explore options to reduce costs such as having non-sworn civilians work desk jobs and move sworn officers to patrol our streets and add numbers of patrol officers.
 - c. Establish a limit on how many hours an employee can work overtime in a year
- B. For housing...(don't think we should include)
 - a. Increase renter protections by collecting fees from landlords b.

- C. For economic growth...
 - a. Reduce funding for cultural programs
 - b. Reduce funding for workforce training programs
 - c. Reduce efforts to attract businesses to Oakland
- D. For transportation...
 - a. Slow down street repaving and traffic light improvements
 - b. Slow down investments to increase accessibility and safety of sidewalks
- E. For youth and community investments ...
 - a. Defer improvements and maintenance frequency for parks and recreational facilities
 - b. Increase fees for youth programming such as camps
 - c. Defer improvements and maintenance for libraries

9. What else would you like City Council members to consider as they develop the 2025-2027 budget for the City of Oakland?

The following are questions that were asked in the survey for budget year 2023-2025

1. In the upcoming 2-year budget, what are the 2 most important issues facing Oakland residents that you would like to see prioritized in the City government budget?
2. Over the next several years, do you think the city is facing a surplus or deficit budget?
3. To help Oakland officials make these difficult decisions, please consider the following potential budget and service reductions and indicate how acceptable it would be to you personally if that reduction was made to help balance the City's budget: completely acceptable, somewhat acceptable, not too acceptable, or not at all acceptable.
 - a. Reduce funding for fairs and festivals including concert series, performances, and art vendors
 - b. Reduce graffiti clean-up services
 - c. Reduce assistance to small businesses with façade improvement and repairs
 - d. Sweep and clean streets less frequently
 - e. Reduce cultural arts grants for art organizations and artists
 - f. Reduce the hours, staffing, and programming at Oakland's Recreation centers
 - g. Reduce programing at senior centers
 - h. Reduce wildfire prevention and vegetation management
 - i. Reduce job training and employment services
 - j. Reduce maintenance of parks, trees, and open space
 - k. Reduce summer youth employment programs for Oakland youth

- l. Reduce streetlight and traffic signal maintenance
 - m. Reduce janitorial and restroom cleaning at libraries, recreation centers, and park
 - n. Reduce the hours and operations of the City's Oak-311 call center services that helps residents get support with non-emergency issues
 - o. Reduce the sports & arts programming available for youth
 - p. Reduce grants to community-based nonprofits focusing on violence prevention in Oakland's neighborhoods
 - q. Reduce Police Patrol and 911 Response Staffing
 - r. Investigate fewer property crimes, such as burglaries, theft, arson, and other damages to homes and businesses
 - s. Reduce the Oakland's Violence Interrupter program where trained community members prevent retaliation and further gun violence
 - t. Reduce funding to the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to respond to natural disasters including heat waves, fires, and earthquakes
 - u. Reduce clean-up of illegal dumping
 - v. Reduce funding for homeless encampment cleanup services
 - w. Reduce homeless services, including direct assistance, temporary shelters, and placement in permanent housing
 - x. Reduce programs that divert young people active in gun violence and/or gangs Investigate fewer violent crimes that are not homicides such as robberies, muggings, and assaults
 - y. Reduce services provided to domestic violence survivors, people experiencing sexual exploitation, and other gender-based violence
 - z. Reduce food distribution programs to seniors and families in need
 - aa. None of these
 - bb. Other/write in:
4. Have you been the victim of a crime in Oakland in the past 5 years?
 5. In a few words of your own, what would make you feel safer living in Oakland?
-

The following are new questions – not asked before.

Revenue-Raising Questions

- Would you support a parcel tax to fund [specific service – parks, libraries,

- violence prevention]?) (Yes / No / Need more information)
- Would you support a business tax increase if the revenue was directed to a specific purpose, such as small business support or workforce training?
 - Would you support charging higher fees for certain city services (permits, parking, recreation programs) to help close the budget gap?
 - Some cities have explored taxing vacant properties or buildings to encourage development and generate revenue. Would you support Oakland exploring this?
 - Would you support a real estate transfer tax increase on high-value property sales to fund affordable housing and city services?

Trust and Transparency

- How much do you trust the City of Oakland to spend tax dollars wisely? (Scale: A great deal / Somewhat / Not much / Not at all)
- How informed do you feel about how the city spends its budget? (Very informed / Somewhat informed / Not very informed / Not at all informed)
- What would increase your trust in how the city manages its budget? (Open-ended)

Structural Deficit Understanding

Oakland spends more than it brings in each year, and this gap is expected to grow over time. This means cuts, new revenue, or both will be needed — not just once, but ongoing. Before taking this survey, were you aware that Oakland faces an ongoing structural budget deficit? (Yes / No)

- After reading the above, which approach do you think the city should prioritize? (Raise new revenue / Reduce spending / An equal combination of both)

Open-Ended Questions

- What is one city service you rely on most that you would not want cut under any circumstances?
- Is there a city service or program you feel is inefficient or duplicative that could be reduced or eliminated?
- What would make you more willing to pay more in local taxes or fees?
- What do you like about living in Oakland?
- What does a thriving Oakland look like to you in 10 years?

Ongoing communication

What is the best way for you to receive information on the city's budget?

- & Town halls
- & Email updates (add space for email)
- & Online dashboards

& Other:

In the last year, have you shopped in Oakland?

- Yes
- No

What factors into your decision to shop in Oakland?

- Prices
- Parking
- Driving distance
- Public transit
- Customer service
- Safety
- Other: