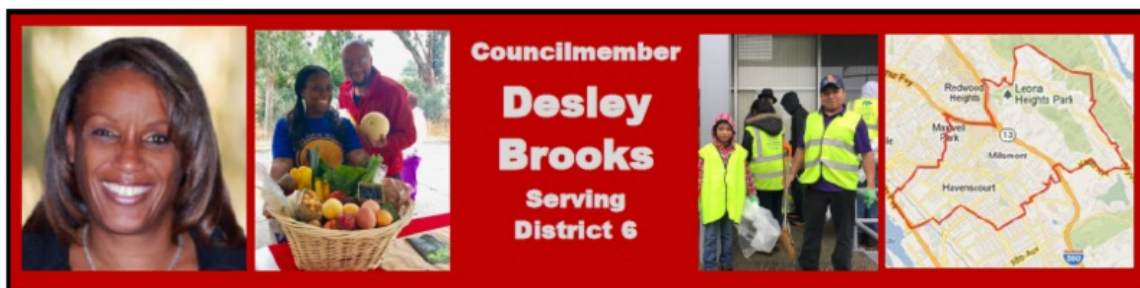


## May 2018 District 6 Newsletter



Neighbors and Friends:

Spring is here! The days are officially longer and many District 6 residents and nonprofits are joining together to take advantage of every hour to bring high paying jobs, affordable housing and greater equity all over the District.

As always, in response to concerns we've heard from many of you, we have launched new cleanup program and efforts to tackle the growing problem of abandoned waste (aka illegal dumping) in our community.

I'm always especially proud when we can deliver for our young people AND seniors to improve the quality of life in our District. Please read about our recent ground breaking on a multi-million dollar brand new Rainbow Recreation Center.

Please read about and stay tuned for innovative legislation to guarantee local job training programs and a new youth leadership council!

May will be another busy month for all of us. We had a great Easter event for families to sign up early for Summer Youth Programs. If you missed your chance, not to worry, find out about more programs for you and your family below.

Finally, since a number of politically motivated people keep throwing stones at our collective efforts to bring equity AND accountability to District 6, my one request to you is to help spread the word about our good work and get involved to keep improving and moving our part of Oakland and the Bay Area forward.

Don't forget to let us know what you think! I'm always looking to hear from you.

You can reach me via email at: [dbrooks@oakland.net](mailto:dbrooks@oakland.net) or via my [facebook](#) page to share your thoughts.

*Desley*

### Equity Priorities for Oakland's District 6

#### **BUILDING AN EQUITY ECONOMY:**

One of my office's key commitments is creating and supporting equitable

economic solutions to empower our communities.

***Equity means fair access to learn job skills, get hired and stay hired.*** That's why I fully support programs like Cypress Mandela that help fill these needs in our community.

***Equity also means expanding opportunities for entrepreneurs and business owners across all communities.*** That's why I worked tirelessly to bring the new Walgreens Plaza to East Oakland. Both a community space and a retail shopping center, the plaza will contain several new businesses and bring dozens of new jobs.

Economic equity is also at the heart of the Cannabis Equity legislation I wrote, which helps make sure Oakland residents can be meaningful stakeholders in the multi-billion dollar green rush. More skills, more jobs, more opportunities.

***Economic equity means everyone has an equal chance to feed their family, no matter where you live.*** I hope you will find time to help me continue to achieve this vision in 2018.

**[Help deliver high paying career jobs to those in our community most in need. Please take a moment to fill out this short survey by clicking HERE.](#)**

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## **Groundbreaking Ceremony for Rainbow Recreation Center**

We worked hard, pushed harder and won a big victory this month for the families, youth and seniors who live near the Rainbow Recreation Center!

Thanks to your support, the Council approved the release of additional funds for a this much needed improvement for our community. We broke ground for the new center on March 10 in an exciting ceremony. Look out for the new Rainbow Recreation Center in 2019. The nearly \$15 million brand new facility will feature numerous upgrades including two multipurpose rooms, an open lobby space that can be rented out, a computer room, a kitchen that can accommodate cooking classes and office space!



Rainbow Recreation Ground Breaking Ceremony Video

I'm excited to bring this win back to the East Oakland community. This is a center our children and our community can be safe in and proud of.

## **Improving Quality of Life Through Cleanups**

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**East Oakland  
Congress of  
Neighborhoods Walk  
Around**

## ***Abandoned Waste Pilot Program***

I am proud to stand with the East Oakland Congress of Neighborhoods in demanding better services in our

neighborhoods. It's a fact that all neighborhoods in our city do not get equal treatment and I'm honored to support their efforts to bring more timely, efficient and effective services to their communities.

I was pleased to share with the hundreds who showed up some of the ways my district has been advocating for change and how we have been proactively dealing with the city-wide issue of abandoned waste, including our new pilot program (read more below).

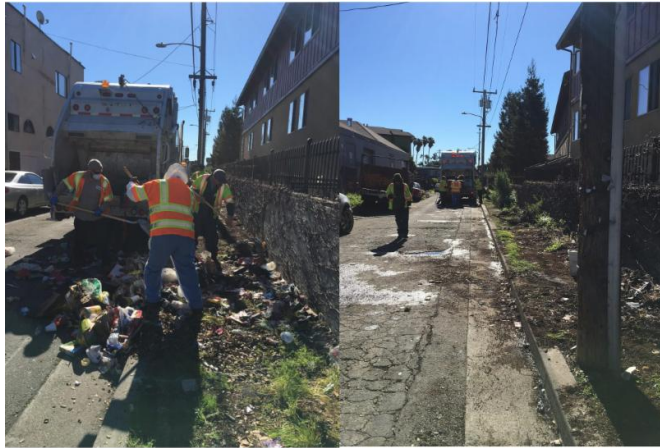


### **[Oakland Post: 'Trash Tour' of Oakland Shows Officials That Not All Neighborhoods Are Treated Equally](#)**

## **Improving our District 6 Quality of Life**

### ***Abandoned Waste Pilot Program***

After months of pushing for different solutions, we have launched a pilot program to target and immediately clean up abandoned waste cluttering up our beautiful city.



BEFORE

AFTER

In addition to the monthly neighborhood cleanup, we kicked off our "Abandoned Waste Pilot Project" in District 6, a daily program focusing on hot spots.

We saw immediate success on the very first day of the program, check the pictures for a before and after of one spot on Trask Street that had been a problem area. We're hugely thankful for the Public Works employees that are making it work! Keep on the lookout for more ways my office is tackling the trash problem in our neighborhoods and more ways we can keep Oakland beautiful together!

## ***Letter: Some things in Oakland are working, and working well!***

Our office received a thank you letter addressed to police, public works and the many others who came together to clean up the "Nightmare of Skyway Lane" from Skyline Citizens United for Safety (SCUFS).

The real thanks goes out to the nearly two dozen SCUFS members who contacted the city "many times over the past 90 days in our efforts to alert, assist, coax and push the City to address the mounting violation

s, safety hazards and uncivil and illegal activities" at the Skyway Lane property.



My office was happy to help and appreciated all the out-pouring of support in helping to transform this from the "Trouble in the Hills" to "Some Things in Oakland are Working and Working Well." These quotes and the story board are from an email I received. Thank you SCUFS, you are a model for how communities can come together and work with staff.



## Delivering Equity Through Jobs

Help win living wage career jobs, please email me at [dbrooks@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dbrooks@oaklandnet.com) to get involved.

### Take Action for Jobs

There has been a lot of news about my efforts with job training non-profits to hold the City accountable and make sure public dollars benefit you - the public.

Some city officials are pushing for a City-wide Project Labor Agreement or "PLA" but the current proposal doesn't guarantee jobs for our long ignored and most in need.



District 6 residents and non-profits who know first hand what is needed to guarantee career jobs are working with me to develop a "fair jobs policy" but we really need your help to achieve this.

Please help me continue to deliver on the jobs you and your community needs:

**[TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT THIS SHORT SURVEY](#)**

**You can review the Council Report and initial draft Ordinance [HERE](#) and read more about this important legislation [HERE](#).**

Also, Please check out this article from the [Oakland Post: City Needs Jobs Policy that Overturns Discrimination in Hiring](#)

### Cypress-Mandela Job Training Hearing

The hearing for my Job Training Proposal drew an outstanding show of support, with over 150 union members and graduates from Cypress-Mandela, Men of Valor, and other training centers coming to voice their strong opinions in favor of funding the non-profits that have provided them with stable, well-paid jobs in the construction trades. So many came in support that the hearing had to be moved to

the main Council chambers to accommodate everyone.

***The testimonies showed how life changing these programs have been.***

Access to good paying jobs is one of the most pressing issues facing Oaklanders today. With the massive construction boom going on in our city, there are

thousands of construction jobs that could be raising up our communities but aren't. We need to disrupt the status quo and do whatever it takes to make sure these jobs are filled by Oaklanders. My proposal to fully fund these vital job training centers like Cypress-Mandela will allow Oaklanders to access these jobs, over half of which are currently being outsourced. The City is not meeting its commitment to hire 50% of construction staff locally, and that needs to be fixed.



My plan is the first step in a process to grow opportunities for local employment. Critics of this plan think that it's not the right way to fund these centers, but after decades of neglect something must change. The City has paid millions of dollars directly to artists over the last 30 years but hasn't spent a dime to support local construction training. I am calling on the City to show at least the same

level of support for working families as it does for these artists.

It was disappointing to hear the Mayor say that I shouldn't try to "raise the hopes" of anyone with this proposal, because that's exactly what we need to be doing. We need to be investing in Oakland. We need to bring jobs to the unemployed, and housing to the homeless. We need to clean our streets and invest in our parks and schools. We need to give people the hope that they can stay in the city they were born in, find work, raise a family, and not be forced out.

## News

If you know of other events, please email me at [dbrooks@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dbrooks@oaklandnet.com)

## Protecting TPS

I'm committed to pushing back against any agenda that seeks to divide our community and families.

That's why I presented legislation alongside Abel Guillen supporting our immigrant community and

demanding the renewal of the TPS program. I'm pleased to share it was passed unanimously by the council.

TPS status is preserved for those fleeing conditions that are impossible to survive and seeking the safety of asylum in the United States. Those that received the status are

citizens of countries that have been ravaged by war, natural disasters and civil conflict. There are over 350,000 people from 7 countries who have been granted Temporary Protected Status. A significant number of them live in the Bay Area and have been productive, tax-paying members of the community.

In January of this year a federal Executive Order was signed that dramatically increased the number of immigrants subject to deportation, creating an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear in Oakland's large immigrant community. Our resolution supporting TPS is another step I've taken in my efforts to protect all members of our community and keep Oaklanders safe.





**Councilmember Desley Brooks**  
& the National Coalition of Black Veteran Organizations  
invites you to a free screening of

## African Americans in World War II: A Legacy of Patriotism and Valor

**DOCUMENTARY**

**May 25** 2018

Screening begins at  
5:30pm

**Oakland City Hall**  
1 Frank H Ogawa Plaza  
Council Chambers

*Screening followed by panel discussion about Black  
Americans service in the Military, past and present*

**FREE ADMISSION • LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

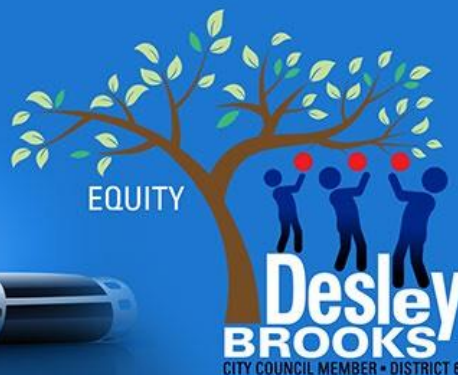
This documentary presents for the first time, a cross section of the 1.2 million African Americans service men and women who served in that war. They speak of the motivations for their fighting and service to a nation that had not yet recognized their humanity. The first hand recollections of these men and women, all of which have been independently corroborated by recognized military historians, are both touching and tense, and evoke in the viewer a sense of wonderment and admiration for the selflessness and sacrifice which characterized their participation. The program intercuts World War II footage of African Americans, much of which is seen publicly for the first time, with candid interviews. Tony Award winner, television, and film actor, Keith David, narrates the program.



Screening and information provided by the National Minority  
Military Museum Foundation.

**FIRST 50 ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE  
A COMPLEMENTARY COPY!**

**"The Wee Pals Power Gang: Salutes  
African Americans in the Military  
Past and Present" by Morrie Turner**



**One Month till the Opening Day of District 6's very own**

## Farmers Market

Join us again this summer at the Millsmont Farmers Market and enjoy the fresh produce, beautiful flowers, baked goods, and more! The market is held every Saturday June through September from 9am - 1pm.

Are you or someone you know interested in being a vendor at the market? We still have some spaces available! Contact Kevin at 510-238-3971 or [KCGordon@oaklandnet.com](mailto:KCGordon@oaklandnet.com) for more information.



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Extravaganza and Schools Out Resource Fair

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Easter Extravaganza and Resource Fair such a success! We had over 300 children from all over the East Bay who were able to get information about after-school and summer programs that will help them gain skills, make friends, and become more invested in our community.

Over 20 local organizations came to showcase their educational and recreational programs to the kids, who got to sign up for a variety of summer and after-school activities. It is our special privilege to inspire the next generation of Oaklanders, and we were honored to have such a wonderful group of people come together support these amazing kids. Special thanks to Ken and everyone at ADCO/Grier who generously donated candy, bikes for the raffle, and their valuable time. Fourteen new bikes were given away.

**If you missed signing up for summer programs, there is still time! Go to <https://cityofoakland.perfectmind.com> (you will need to create a login)**



More information about summer activities in Oakland:

- [Youth Boating & Sailing](#)
- [Oakland Town Camp \(15 locations across Oakland!\)](#)
- [Redwood Heights Rec Center: Day Camp, Art Camp, & the Junior High Club](#)
- [FM Smith Rec Center: Table Tennis, Kids Gardening, Karate Class, & Day Camp](#)
- [OUSD Summer Learning Programs](#)
- [Downtown Oakland YMCA Day Camp](#)
- [Oakland Museum \(OMCA\) Summer Camp & Activities](#)
- [Oakland Public Library Kids' Summer Reading Program](#)
- [Public Pools in Oakland](#)
- [Ace Kids Golf](#)
- [Introductory School of Dance](#)



## Washing Machine Program

Last year I read an article that said there is a correlation between kids having clean cloths and their school attendance. Oakland Unified has a serious truancy problem so I wanted to do anything I could to help I reached out to MAP to see if they could help, they immediately said yes and the free washer and dryer program was born!

Last year we installed our first washer and dryer at Frick. Three additional schools received washer and dryers.

In addition to our installments at the school, I also made sure a laundry room was built at Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center. I'm proud to share that the room is now done and ready for use! It's free and open for all so be sure to pass the word to those that can take advantage!

A very big thanks to everyone who partnered with me to make this happen, especially Mothers Against Poverty. I know these facilities will provide great support to our community and help keep kids in school and learning!

Councilmember Desley Brooks presents...

**ARROYO PARK**  
LAUNDRY SERVICES

**FREE WASHER AND DRYER USE**

**Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center**

- 7701 Krause Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94605  
(510) 615 - 5755

**Hours of Operation**

- Tuesday and Thursday 11am - 1pm (Parents)
- Wednesday 2-6pm (Students)
- Friday 6-9pm (Parents)

Please sign up at the front desk to secure wash time

This project is offered in partnership with Councilmember Desley Brooks and funded by MAP (Moms Against Poverty)

**How it Works**

- We offer the use of our laundry room for families with children attending local schools. Parents may wash children's clothes at no cost. Students old enough to wash their own, may do so with staff assistance.
- One hour slots are available, walk ins welcomed.

**CITY OF OAKLAND**  
PARKS, RECREATION & YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

**MAP**  
Moms Against Poverty

**KQED: How Clean Clothes Can Help Kids With Chronic Absences at**

## FREE Legal Information & Referrals



# LAWYERS AT EASTMONT

*COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS' OFFICE*

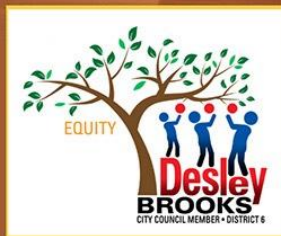


Council Member **Desley Brooks** has partnered with the **Charles Houston Bar Association** to provide free legal information and referrals every other month.

## MAY 19

11am - 1:00pm

Council Member Brooks' Eastmont Office  
7200 Bancroft Avenue • Upper Level  
Oakland, CA



For more information contact: [Dbrooks@oaklandnet.com](mailto:Dbrooks@oaklandnet.com)

This Clinic is sponsored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program (VLSC) of the Alameda County Bar Association and the Charles Houston Bar Association (CHBA). Please be advised that the VLSC/CHBA are not liable for information received at this session. This session is for a limited period and referrals for further information will be given, when available.

## Helpful City Resources

If you know of other resources, please email me at

[dbrooks@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dbrooks@oaklandnet.com)

## Ticketing Program

Did you know Oakland has a program that offers assistance to those struggling to pay parking tickets? My office held open hours from 11am-1pm

on March 17th to help guide people through the process.

If you missed us then, don't worry! You can still participate, get more information of sign up for a payment plan online. Go to [oaklandnet.com](http://oaklandnet.com), click the "government" tab and then click the "revenue" link to find the application and requirements.



## DO YOU KNOW?

**The City of Oakland  
has Parking Citation Payment Plans that may  
help you avoid booting, towing and the  
inability to renew your  
vehicle registration**

**Do you have parking tickets you can't afford to pay?  
Are you financially challenged or considered indigent?**

In accordance with State Assembly Bill 503 and an effort to further serve the most vulnerable in our community, the City of Oakland has increased our efforts to assist those who may have extreme difficulty paying their parking tickets, with a payment plan that provides a less challenging way to help eligible individuals resolve ticket citations, before the vehicle is subject to tow or fees are added to registrations.

Learn more by going to [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com) and clicking on the Government tab and then the Revenue link to find the application and requirements, or come to our office at 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza ~ Suite 5342, you can also call our office at ( 510)238-7317

## Taxes Program

Forgot to file? Got an extension? Need assistance to finish your taxes?

If you make under \$53,000 per year, you are eligible for free tax preparation services! Skip the stress and make an appointment to have your taxes done today. Call the Unity Council at 510-535-6900 to find out more and make an appointment. You can also go to their website for more information:

<https://unitycouncil.org/program/vita/>

**EarnIt!  
KeepIt!  
SaveIt!**



**TAXES ARE HARD.  
WE MAKE IT EASY.**  
Let our experts do the work for you—for free.

### Bring your:

- ✓ Photo ID for each person on your tax return
- ✓ Social Security card or ITIN for each person on your tax return
- ✓ W-2s from all jobs held in 2017
- ✓ All 1099s, 1098s and any other tax forms
- ✓ Last year's tax return
- ✓ Child care provider information
- ✓ Landlord's name, address and phone number for CA Renter's Credit
- ✓ Your household's health coverage information (Forms 1095-A, B or C)
- ✓ Savings and checking account and routing numbers for direct refund. Save part of your refund to help reach your financial goals!

**LOS IMPUESTOS SON DIFÍCILES.  
LO HACEMOS FÁCIL.**  
Nuestros expertos están listos para ayudarle—**gratuitamente.**

### Traiga su:

- ✓ Identificación y tarjeta de seguro social o número ITIN para cada persona en su declaración
- ✓ Formularios W-2s para cada trabajo que tuvo en 2017
- ✓ 1099s, 1098s y otros comprobantes de ingreso
- ✓ Su declaración de impuestos del año pasado
- ✓ Información del proveedor de cuidado de sus hijos
- ✓ Nombre, dirección y número de teléfono de su arrendador
- ✓ Información de cobertura médica para su hogar (Formularios 1095-A, B o C)
- ✓ Cuenta bancaria de ahorros y cheques para depósito directo. ¡Ahorre parte de su reembolso para lograr sus metas financieras!



Services are available to households with a 2017 income of \$54,000 or less. You could be eligible for more than \$5,000 when you claim both the state and federal Earned Income Tax Credit!

What I really love about this service is that the volunteers are here to help people. This year I recieved a refund and saved part of it.

—Alani, EKS Client



Servicios disponibles a hogares con ingresos menos de \$54,000 en 2017. ¡Puede ser elegible para recibir más de \$5,000 en reembolsos cuando reclama el Crédito Tributario por el Ingreso del Trabajo del estado y federal!

## City of Oakland Launches OAK 311 Service For Reporting Problems & Requesting Maintenance

This past week, we announced the launch of OAK 311, a new service to make it easier for Oaklanders to report problems and request infrastructure maintenance.





This new service is designed to make it easier than it's ever been for residents to request the City's help with issues including potholes in their streets, graffiti on their neighborhood public spaces, and piles of dumping left on their sidewalks.

Contact OAK 311 for:

- Dumping on public streets and sidewalk
- Potholes/sinkholes
- Graffiti on public space and buildings
- Traffic safety issues (non-emergency)
- City building maintenance
- Street light problems (traffic signal outages should be called in right away)
- Parking meter maintenance
- Damaged sidewalks
- Park maintenance

Oaklanders can begin using the service now to request infrastructure maintenance services and report problems. There are four basic ways to reach OAK 311:

**Phone:** Call 311 from any phone within Oakland. (If you are calling from outside Oakland, continue to use the number (510) 615-5566.)

**E-mail:** [OAK311@oaklandnet.com](mailto:OAK311@oaklandnet.com)

**Web:** [311.oaklandca.gov](http://311.oaklandca.gov)

**App:** OAK 311, available free for Apple and Android smart devices (powered by SeeClickFix)

Even in cases where residents have reported issues before and not seen the changes they requested, the City is encouraging them to keep reporting.

If you don't get a response, please contact me directly and I will see where I can help: [dbrooks@oaklandnet.com](mailto:dbrooks@oaklandnet.com)

**An important note:** All urgent issues should be called in. These include:

- Objects blocking the roadway
- Fallen trees or branches
- Downed road signs such as stop signs
- Flooding
- Mudslides and landslides
- Sewer overflows
- Manholes overflowing onto streets and sidewalks

OAK 311 operators answer calls from 8:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday, and on off hours the system can connect callers to the City's emergency dispatchers, so urgent issues may be reported 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Other important numbers include:

**For downed power lines** or if you smell natural gas, leave the area immediately and then call 9-1-1 or PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.

**For power outage alerts** go online to [pge.com/outagealerts](http://pge.com/outagealerts).

**For water service emergencies** (e.g., no water service, broken hydrants, broken water main pipes), contact EBMUD at 1-866-403-2683.

## Goodbye [Oaklandnet.com](http://Oaklandnet.com), Hello [OaklandCA.gov](http://OaklandCA.gov) !

The City of Oakland launched its new website -[oaklandca.gov](http://oaklandca.gov)-the City's new "digital front door" to City services. The "search" is now a robust feature of the new site, reflecting how most people actually find the information they are looking for. [Oaklandnet.com](http://Oaklandnet.com) was more like a map of the City's bureaucracy. [Oaklandca.gov](http://Oaklandca.gov) focuses on delivering services at the click of a button, regardless of which department is responsible for that service.

We invite the public to explore the site, and are eager for feedback. Suggestions, insights and reports of problems can be made by filling out [this form](#).

What's next?

Our work is never done. Technology is rapidly changing as quickly as the needs of our community, and we're trying to adapt just as fast so expect a few changes on the horizon.

- Forms. We're adding the capability for staff to more easily create forms to better digitize the hundreds of services the City provides.
- Events. We're looking to streamline our Citywide events, classes, and meetings so they are easy for the public to find in one location.
- Bugs. We're spending the next several months fixing those little things that aren't just quite right with the site.

Most importantly, our success depends on input. Feedback, suggestions, and insights can be shared by filling out [this form](#).

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## Oakland is Hiring!

Here are some new employment opportunities with the City of Oakland:

- [Animal Control Officer](#)
- [Lifeguard, Part Time](#)
- [Police Officer Trainee](#)
- [Irrigation Repair Specialist](#)
- [Animal Care Attendant](#)



For the complete list of open positions, click [HERE](#).

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## Contacting City Hall

We have a list of helpful numbers you can find below or by clicking the logo to the right. If you need other numbers or don't get results after you call, please email me the details so i can address your issue.

[Go to list of helpful Oakland City Contacts](#)



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STAY CONNECTED:

