



# District 5 Newsletter Supervisor Keith Carson

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**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2008**



## SAVE THE DATE



The Alameda County Board of Supervisors, the BART Board of Directors, and the Asian Community Collaborative (ACC) host the  
**2008 Lunar New Year Celebration**  
Tuesday, February 19, 2008  
12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
at the  
County of Alameda Administration Building Plaza  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland

For more information call: 510-272-6687 or email: [mina.sanchez@acgov.org](mailto:mina.sanchez@acgov.org)

## SAVE THE DATE

**Planning and Caring for Aging Loved Ones**  
Saturday, March 15, 2008  
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
at the  
Oakland Veterans Building  
1200 Grand Ave  
Oakland, CA 94610

For more information call: 510-272-6686 or email: [aisha.brown@acgov.org](mailto:aisha.brown@acgov.org)

**Join family and friends to learn about the resources and programs available for your aging loved ones as you begin to plan for issues related to the legal and financial responsibilities, housing, health care, and safety of older adults.**

**For a complete listing of events in District 5, visit the [Community Calendar](#).**

The District 5 e-newsletter is designed to keep *you*, the residents of Alameda County's Fifth District, informed about important issues in our communities. The Fifth District includes the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont, and large portions of Oakland, namely West Oakland, North Oakland, Rockridge, the Fruitvale District, and the Dimond District.

Contact me with your feedback by e-mailing [dist5@acgov.org](mailto:dist5@acgov.org) or by calling (510) 272-6695.

## **Alameda County Opens Model Alcohol and Drug Treatment Programs**

On Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> Alameda County opened two new exciting alcohol and drug treatment programs: the Safe House Sobering Center and the Cherry Hill Detoxification. In 2004 The District 5 office was approached by a group of advocates and city leaders about the need for a detoxification facility in Alameda County. Through much research as well as collaboration with community members and stakeholders such as city governments, law enforcement and the Alcohol and Drug treatment provider community it was decided that the County would develop a detoxification and sobering program. Using Measure A healthcare funds we have constructed state of the art buildings and developed a Detoxification and Sobering Service program that makes Alameda County's program a model for the nation. It is our hope that detoxification services will close a critical gap in our healthcare system in addition to being an efficient use of very limited funds.

[Read the full story.](#)

## **Trying to Keep Hope Alive**

As we began 2008, there are many challenges that are before us in Alameda County, a \$14 billion state deficit, an unsettling national economy and a history making presidential election. Each one of these challenges will impact Alameda County residents, community leaders, and public servants as we continue to govern and do businesses. The state deficit will cause another year of reductions to the safety net of programs that the County is mandated to provide. Over the last few weeks many of us have heard the media analysts reports on the presidential primaries regarding the unpredictability of each race yet, one thing is clear, people are calling for change. Americans across the country are asking for something different in leadership, political initiatives and economic development policies.

[Read the full story.](#)

## **Looking at the Sub-Prime Mortgage Crisis from A Few Different Angles**

By now it is no secret thousands of people in the Bay Area and millions around the country have lost their homes or are in jeopardy of losing their homes as a result of the "sub-prime mortgage crisis." There are varying theories about the cause of the problem and the possible solutions. There is no magic bullet but there are some things we can conclude; the scope of the issues are broad, a number of questionable decisions were made by everyone involved, and fortunately Alameda County government has yet to be heavily impacted financially.

[Read the full story.](#)

## District 5's Alameda County Community Services Guide

We are proud to offer you a reference guide of Alameda County community services. Enclosed are telephone numbers for essential services. Please download this information and keep it by your telephone for easy reference. This guide is available in other languages; you may contact our office at 510-272-6695 or [dist5@acgov.org](mailto:dist5@acgov.org) for more information.

[Click here for community service information.](#)

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