



# District 5 Spring Newsletter

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The Fifth District includes the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville and Piedmont; the West Oakland, North Oakland and Rockridge communities and portions of the Grand Lake, Manzanita, Dimond District and Fruitvale neighborhoods.

### Dear Friends,

Spring is a time of warm weather, elections and our County budget process. While we are still facing a deficit and cuts to programs, I am pleased to share with you that the cuts to county programs are smaller than last year and some key revenues are growing.

We have an important primary election coming up on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 in which residents will vote on numerous federal, state and local issues, including ballot measures.

**The deadline to register to vote is Monday, May 19 at 11:59 pm for the June 3rd election.**

You may register online at <http://registertovote.ca.gov/> or visit the Alameda County Registrar of Voters (ROV) at 1225 Fallon Street, Rm. G-1, Oakland, CA 94612-4283, phone number (510) 267-8683.

**The ROV still needs bi-lingual poll workers!** For more information, please call (510) 272-6971.

Please enjoy the contents of this newsletter and share relevant information with your family and networks. I welcome your thoughts and feedback about all of our communications. You can reach us at (510) 272-6695 or [dist5@acgov.org](mailto:dist5@acgov.org).

Sincerely yours,

**Keith Carson**  
Supervisor, District 5



### Please join State Senator Loni Hancock, Supervisor Keith Carson and Mayor Tom Bates with special guest Congresswoman Barbara Lee for a Town Hall meeting in Berkeley.

In an effort to keep you updated on current initiatives, we will discuss the ways we collaborate on a variety of issues impacting the residents of Berkeley, including: schools, climate change, health care, economic development, transportation, housing and regional planning. Our offices work together to ensure that the City of Berkeley is equipped with the services and capital improvement projects it needs to thrive well into the future. This event is also an opportunity to share concerns with your federal, state, county and local representatives.

This event is FREE and open to the public.  
We hope you can join us!

RSVP is requested by calling (510) 272-6695 or online at: <http://berkeleymtownhall14.eventbrite.com>

### Measure AA: Essential Health Care Services Tax

On Tuesday, June 3, 2014, Alameda County voters will decide whether to reauthorize and extend Measure A, Alameda County's existing ½¢ sales tax. Measure AA (the new measure) funds critical health services to Alameda County residents. Measure AA is not a new tax—it extends the current tax until 2034.

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# County News

## Alameda County Budget Update

As with any family or business, Alameda County examines its operating budget annually and must make decisions about how to balance its check book.

The County oversees four major program areas: Public Safety, Health Care, Social Services and General Government for a total projected General Fund budget of \$2.3 billion for fiscal year 2014-15. As in recent years, the County is facing a budget deficit, this year totaling \$67.1 million.

County officials have proposed the following reductions to address the budget deficit:

- General Government      \$19.2 million
- Public Protection        \$18.6 million
- Public Assistance        \$5.6 million
- Health Care                \$23.7 million

There is good news to share about Alameda County's budget picture as well as continued challenges and uncertainties in the coming months.

On the brighter side, revenues from property taxes have risen by \$11.5 million as the economy and the housing market improves.

The challenges arise from the complicated web of funding sources, about 50% of which come from pots of money controlled by Congress and the State Legislature.

This year, the State of California can boast rosy revenue figures after many years of dreary deficits and cuts to services. In January, Governor Brown released his proposed budget and on May 13, he released the "May Revise" with updated revenue projects.

The good news is that California is swimming in about \$2.4 billion in surplus revenue according to the Governor, who some critics contend is putting forth conservative numbers. The Governor claims, however, that much of that new revenue has already been eaten up to cover the costs of the expansion of Medi-cal under

the Affordable Care Act, the ongoing drought and other programs.

Although the Governor has prioritized funding for education, a rainy day fund and the above mentioned programs, counties will see some modest increases in funding for key programs.

A few highlights of the state budget:

- \$11.3 million increase for counties to address the short-term increase in offenders on Post Release Community Supervision, an effect of public safety



*Supervisor Carson meets with an Albany High School government and economics class on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 to hear from young people about how local government is working for them.*

Realignment. These funds will be directed to county Probation departments.

- Medi-Cal enrollment is expected to reach 11.5 million people in 2014-15, or 30% of the state's population. Of the newly enrolled individuals, 800,000 were previously eligible for Medi-cal, which means the federal government will only kick in 50% of the cost. Gov. Brown estimates costs will increase in 2014-15 by \$513 million to total \$918 million.
- An additional \$100 million to repay a portion of the existing mandate reimbursement claims that have been owed to local governments since at least 2004.
- The state projects an increase in In Home

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## Alameda County Summer Pre-K Open for Enrollment



Enrollment has begun for the 2014 Summer Pre-K Program in Alameda County. The times, places and enrollment information for this summer's sessions can be found by clicking the directory here:

[http://www.first5alameda.org/files/sr/2014\\_SPK\\_Directory.pdf?utm\\_source=FY1%3A+Pathway+to+Faster+CHDP+Reimbursement&utm\\_campaign=SPK+2014&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.first5alameda.org/files/sr/2014_SPK_Directory.pdf?utm_source=FY1%3A+Pathway+to+Faster+CHDP+Reimbursement&utm_campaign=SPK+2014&utm_medium=email)

Please share this with your clients, partners, friends and families.

Preschool attendance and Summer Pre-K participation are both strongly associated with increased children's readiness for school. Previous evaluations of Summer Pre-K participants show that participating children made significant gains in a number of developmental areas, including Initiative, language and literacy, and social interactions during the 6 week program - gains that will increase their chances to succeed in elementary school.

Enrollment is open to children entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2014, and to children who have not previously attended preschool or licensed child care. Children entering the respective schools will have priority; however, children from additional neighborhood schools may be admitted as space allows. Dates and times are subject to change. If the site is in session, there is no school on July 4th.

To enroll or obtain more information, please refer to the Enrollment Contact on the directory. For additional assistance, contact Barbara Mumby, First 5 Alameda County School Readiness Program Manager, at (510) 227-6920.

Please spread the word: Summer Pre-K works!

## Alameda County is now Accepting Applications for the Community Advisory Board (CAB)

In 2011, Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 109, the public safety "Realignment" legislation which provided sweeping changes in the way we sentence, incarcerate and supervise people who have been convicted of crimes. In short, the law gives greater public safety responsibilities to local government.

While the legislation allows counties flexibility on how they want to handle their increased responsibility, it does require that every county in California form an Executive Committee that creates a yearly plan for working with Realignment clients. In Alameda County, the Committee is comprised of the Chief Probation Officer, the Sheriff, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Healthcare Director, a representative of the Courts and a Local Police Chief. This group decides on the programming for the clients and allocates the AB 109 funds. The legislation allows counties to choose if they want the Director of the Healthcare Services Agency or the Director of the Social Services Agency to serve on the committee; the legislation dictates the rest of the composition of the Executive Committee.

The leadership in Alameda County has decided that it is crucial to include the voices of local residents in the decision making process around the allocation of AB 109 funding, which has a profound effect on our communities. As a result, the Board of Supervisors created the Community Advisory Board (CAB). Some of the CAB responsibilities include providing advice, making recommendations and providing a community perspective on the implementation and outcomes of the County's Realignment plan. To access the CAB roles and responsibilities and application to serve on the Board, please follow this link <http://www.acgov.org/board/> and click on "Application for Community Corrections Partnership Community Advisory Board (CAB)," the first item under "LINKS."

### **Applications for the Community Advisory Board are now being accepted until June 20th.**

Supervisor Carson would like those who have an interest in working with our County leadership to effectively implement AB 109 to apply to participate on the Community Advisory Board. The position is voluntary, there is one required monthly meeting, and formerly incarcerated people are highly encouraged to apply.

SUPERVISOR  
**KEITH  
CARSON**  
ALAMEDA COUNTY DIST 5



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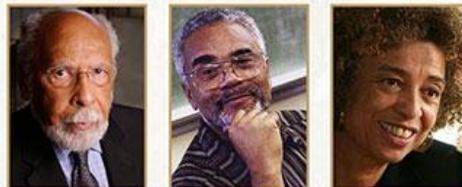
THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

Wednesday  
**June 18, 2014**  
6:00-8:00pm

Beebe Memorial Cathedral  
3900 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland

Event is open to the public. To RSVP and obtain your free ticket go to:  
<http://civilrightsact50th.eventbrite.com>

VIP Reception  
with  
Mr. Howard Moore Jr. | Dr. Clayborne Carson | Ms. Angela Davis



—VIP reception included with sponsorship—

For more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact: Amy Shrago at 510.272.6695 or [amy.shrago@acgov.org](mailto:amy.shrago@acgov.org)



Alameda County proclaimed May 2014 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at the Board of Supervisors meeting and presented a commendation to Forward Together, a non-profit, multi-racial organization whose mission is to ensure that women, youth and families have the power and resources they need to reach their full potential. (Left to right: Deanna Gao, Youth Organizer for Forward Together; Supervisor Keith Carson; Eddie Chao, a youth participant with Forward Together).



Alameda County proclaimed Affordable Housing Week at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. (Left to right: Amie Fishman, executive director of East Bay Housing Organizations; Cassandra Beverley, resident of Eden housing; Supervisor Keith Carson; Anwar Adem, resident of Oakland).

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Supportive Services (IHSS) caseloads and CalWORKs (welfare-to-work) caseloads. Gov. Brown increased the spending for IHSS by \$107.9 million in 2013-14 and \$134 million in 2014-15. Gov. Brown proposes an additional \$13 million in CalWORKs funding for 2014-15.

- \$49 million total for re-entry programs provided in the community.

Alameda County's proposed budget will be presented to the Board on Tuesday, June 10 and final budget hearings will take place at the end of June. For more information, please visit the new budget website at [budget.acgov.org](http://budget.acgov.org).

## BUILDING FAITH AND NONPROFIT COLLABORATIONS TO MEET COMMUNITY NEEDS

Workshop V - May 22, 2014  
 First Unitarian Church of Oakland  
 485 14th Street Oakland 94612

Registration: 8:30 am - Workshops: 9:00 am

- How to Build Partnerships that Provide Community Safety Nets
- How to Develop Partnerships that Build Financial Stability

Faith based organizations play a significant role in meeting the needs of vulnerable communities. This growing need is in addition to the long-standing challenges in communities where faiths organizations are based. This workshop will provide solid direction from social entrepreneurs, ministers, executive directors, community development experts and others on how to increase the effectiveness and broad community impact of their work through partnership, coordination and collaboration.

Register here online: <http://www.amodelbuiltinfaith.org/register-for-a-workshop.html>

For more information, please call (510) 839-2440 or email [occur@sbcglobal.net](mailto:occur@sbcglobal.net).



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**Background**

On March 4, 2004, 71% of Alameda County voters passed Measure A, which imposed a half-cent sales tax to support emergency medical, hospital inpatient, outpatient, public health, mental health, and substance abuse services to indigent, low-income, and uninsured adults, children, families and seniors.



**Services Provided by Measure A**

- Behavioral health, acute, ambulatory, emergency, urgent and trauma services at Highland Hospital and other public hospitals and wellness centers
- Mentoring for at-risk African-American youth
- Afterschool fitness, conditioning and track and field training to at-risk youth
- Life skills sessions on healthy eating habits and conflict resolution for youth
- CPR training for 7th grade students
- Abscess/wound care, overdose prevention training, safer injection training, and testing for sexually transmitted infections for uninsured or underinsured homeless intravenous drug users
- Medical and case management services to at-risk minority women and the re-entry population by ReGynesis

**Impact on Alameda County**

- 39,775 uninsured residents received medical services at Alameda Health System through 297,889 outpatient visits, 82,060 visits to the Highland campus emergency room and trauma department, and 11,420 visits to John George Psychiatric Emergency Services in a year.
- 10,069 of the County's 14,000 7th grade students received CPR training.
- 630 duplicated and 426 unduplicated uninsured or underinsured homeless intravenous drug users served in a year by the HIV Education & Prevention Project of Alameda County.
- 2,200 indigent minority women received ob-gyn, pediatric and primary care services from ReGynesis.
- 512 seniors participated in skill-building trainings to help prevent falls.
- Urojas Community Services provided mental health assessments and triage to 60 clients in a year.

**District 5 Service Providers Funded by Measure A**

- 100 Black Men of the Bay Area, Inc.
- Alameda Health System (dba Alameda County Medical Center)
- Alternatives in Action
- Bay Area Consortium for Quality Health Care
- Berkeley Alliance
- Berkeley Youth Alternatives
- Berkeley High School Health Center
- B-Tech Academy Health Center
- Chappell Hayes Health Center
- Center for Early Intervention on Deafness
- Center for Healthy Schools and Communities
- East Bay Community Recovery Project
- East Bay Korean American Senior Services Center
- East Oakland Youth Development Center
- Healthy Communities, Inc.
- HillCare Foundation/ReGynesis Project
- HIV Education & Prevention Project of Alameda County
- La Clinica De La Raza
- LifeLong Medical Care
- McClymonds Youth & Family Center
- Healthy Communities, Inc.
- New Bridge Foundation, Inc.
- Piedmont Wellness Center
- Preventive Care Pathways
- Realm Charter School
- St. Mary's
- TechniClinic
- Urban Strategies Council
- Urojas Community Services
- West Oakland Health Center
- West Oakland Middle School Health Center
- YMCA of Berkeley
- Youth Alive!
- Youth Radio

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## FREE CONFERENCE

### Urban Youth of Color- Caught in the Cross Fire!

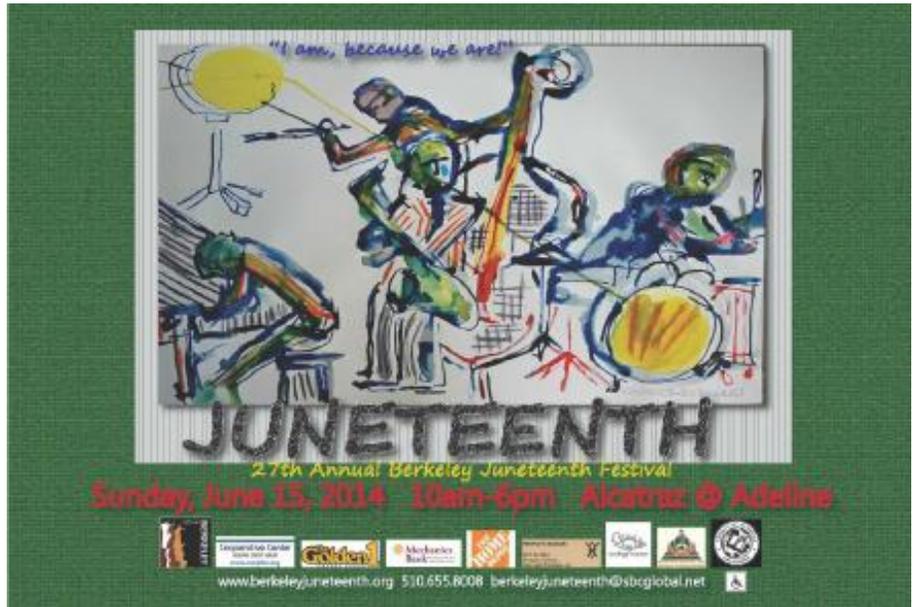
**“The Victimization of Youth of Color, due to the Normalization and Glorification of Structural and Systematic Violence in America”**

**Keynote Presentation  
The Piper” in One-Man Play, “Cops and Robbers”**

**Wednesday, May 21, 2014  
UCB - Clark Kerr Conference Center  
2601 Warring Street, Building #14  
Berkeley, CA  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm  
(8:00 am – 8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast)  
Lunch Provided**

**Register Now:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/urban-youth-of-color-caught-in-the-cross-fire-tickets-11309407743>**

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[http://www.acgov.org/board/district5/pdf/Urban\\_conf14.pdf](http://www.acgov.org/board/district5/pdf/Urban_conf14.pdf)**



**The 27th Annual Berkeley Juneteenth Festival  
will be held on Father’s Day,  
Sunday, June 15, 2014, 10am to 6 pm  
Theme: “I am, because we are”**

**Admission is free**

The street festival will be held on the Adeline/Alcatraz corridor. Take BART to Ashby station, walk south on MLK to Adeline and Alcatraz.

Enjoy the music of Faye Carol, James Levy, Afrofunk Experience, Best Kept Secret, Kim Jackson, and more... Vendor space and sponsorships are still available. Call (510) 655-8008 or email [berkeleyjuneteenth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:berkeleyjuneteenth@sbcglobal.net).

For more information, contact Delores Nochi Cooper at (510) 717-4020 or [denocoo@aol.com](mailto:denocoo@aol.com).



For more information about vendor opportunities and sponsorship, please call (510) 473-7759 or visit

<http://bayareablackexpo.com/>



Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3, 2014  
Frank Ogawa Plaza, Oakland

<http://artandsouloakland.com/index.htm>

