Greetings!

The past year has been an especially challenging period of time for everyone with the impacts from a struggling economy radiating throughout our lives in ways we could never have imagined. In spite of these difficult times, we continue to maneuver what seems to be a continuously unfolding state of affairs, and remain focused on meeting our commitments to county residents in effectively delivering service.

In spite of the poor economy, 2008 was a year of many accomplishments. In the area of transportation, we reached major milestones in important projects that will help relieve congestion and improve mobility for everyone. Ground was broken for a number of projects: I-580 HOV/HOT lanes in the Tri-Valley; I-680 HOT lane conversion from Sunol to Milpitas; new 1.3 mile section of Vasco Road in Livermore; new interchange at I-580 and Redwood Road in Castro Valley; and the Ed Roberts Campus at the Ashby BART station in Berkeley, a transit-oriented development that incorporates universal design principles with improved access for all including members of the disabled and senior population. We also celebrated the completion of several projects with ribbon-cutting ceremonies – I-880 HOV lane gap closure between Fremont and Milpitas; Highway 84 new 2.1 mile section of road at Pigeon Pass in Livermore; and the new 1700 space parking garage at the Dublin BART station. Efforts on another important project in District 1, the extension of BART to Livermore got underway this year with a programmatic Environmental Impact Report, with a draft expected to be ready for public review in May.

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Board Meetings Open to Public

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday and members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend. All meetings take place at 10am on the 5th floor of the Alameda County Administration Building at 1221 Oak Street in Oakland.

This is located only three blocks from the Lake Merritt BART station.

For more information go to www.acgov.org
2009. There are a number of various routes proposed in this study which must be narrowed down to a preferred alignment in order to proceed to a project level report. A project level report places a project in position to compete for construction funding. Also making major progress this past year is the BART extension to Warm Springs in Fremont with an ultimate destination to San Jose. Working with our local and regional partners, we were able to close the funding gap on this project and it is anticipated to begin construction next year.

We continue to work on climate protection and greenhouse gas reduction activities at the County and regionally with a reduction goal of 80% by 2050. Alameda County has been engaged in incorporating these policies into all of its operations from new capital projects to employee practices with excellent results. Early estimates show an annual savings of more than $7 million from various conservation activities. Our efforts have garnered much recognition including the Gold award from the U.S. Green Building Council and Senator Boxer’s Conservation Champion Award. These practices help decrease the county’s impact on the environment allowing us to put precious resources, including your tax dollars, into delivery of services. I also had the honor of speaking at the Great Race for Clean Air Summit held in Pleasanton this summer. Organized by members of the Tri-Valley Air Quality Resource Team, the summit was the official kick-off for a friendly competition between businesses in the Tri-Valley to increase the number of employees taking alternative modes of transportation to work. The Tri-Valley segment of I-580 is the most congested highway corridor in the nine-county Bay Area, second only to the Bay Bridge approach. So this was an educational and fun way to get the word out and get businesses involved. The results are being tabulated and the winners will be announced early 2009.

I am proud to announce that I have been appointed to chair the National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee. This appointment couldn’t have come at a more critical time as the Federal government begins to craft policy for its new transportation bill. Representing more than 2,000 U.S. counties and 80% of the population, the committee is deeply involved in providing input to Congress and the new administration in the development of this important legislation.

In closing, I extend my wishes to you and yours for a peaceful and healthy holiday season. The coming year holds great promise as together we work towards a more secure and fruitful future.

Alameda County HCD Looking for Volunteers

This January 27th, Alameda County Housing and Community Development will again be conducting a comprehensive countywide homeless count and survey and they need 200 people to volunteer to be interviewers. Volunteers will interview a random sample of the people using services throughout the County. Data from the Homeless Count and Survey will help track efforts to end homelessness, inform planning for additional housing and services, and help retain current federal housing and services funding.

If you are interested in being a part of the Count but are unable to take on the commitment of interviewing, you can come and observe, help with passing out thank you gifts to those who agree to be interviewed, or come to thank the volunteer interviewers and interviewees for participating. Interviewers must attend a three-hour training in mid-January and then will conduct interviews for the Homeless Count on Tuesday, January 27th.

There are a variety of locations and times of day to attend the training (see list on Page 4). There are also three interviewer shifts, also listed below. Volunteers can sign up for 1, 2, or all 3 shifts and can express a preference for which part of the County to conduct the interviews in, and whether the
The Be A Mentor program is a non-profit organization that brings schools, businesses, and government together to initiate and coordinate mentoring programs throughout Alameda County. The Countywide program is looking to recruit six thousand individuals to help mentor youth in the community. There are hundreds of foster kids that could use a mentor and friend. Please take the time to visit the Be A Mentor’s website for additional information on how you can become a mentor and make a difference in your community.

**Help a Child-- Be A Mentor**

www.beamentor.org

The Supervisor congratulates 2008 Alameda County Teachers of the Year from District One, who received their awards at the 19th Annual Alameda County Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony hosted by the Alameda County Office of Education. They have been selected as their district’s Teacher of the Year for demonstrating excellence in education; and in honor of his or her distinguished accomplishments, they each received a commendation from the Board of Supervisors. Congratulations for a job well done.

Dennis J. Aquilina, Pleasanton Unified School District
Joanne Gouveia, Fremont Unified School District
Melissa Y. LeGuluche, Dublin Unified School District
Lynnette E Hasan Marshall, Tri-Valley ROP
Gordon Sanford, Mission Valley ROP
Frankie Tate, Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

**District One Map**

Alameda County Demographics:
- Population: 1,526,148
- Land Area: 738 sq. miles
- Persons per sq. mile: 2,068

**Mission Statement:**
To enrich the lives of Alameda County residents through visionary policies and accessible, responsive, and effective services
Board and Commission Vacancies

The following are committees or boards that have one or more seats vacant. All District One residents are encouraged to apply for positions.

**Consumer Affairs Commission**
Promotes and protects the best interests of the consumer public; encourages the highest standards in the business community and to develop a high level of consumer awareness.

**Human Relations Commission**
Prevents discrimination in housing, employment, and education.

**Mental Health Advisory Board**
Perform advisory functions in matters relating to mental health.

**Public Health Commission**
Serves as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors.

**Commission on the Status of Women**
Women committed to working for social justice on behalf of women of Alameda County.

**ACTIA: Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**
Looking for people interested in improving the safety and convenience of bicycling and/or walking in Alameda County.

For more information, contact District 1 Offices (see pg 5), send résumés via email to vener.bates@acgov.org or fax to (925) 484-2809 Attn: Vener Bates

**Count**

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the sites need to be near public transit.

Interested volunteers can sign up by sending an e-mail to everyonehome@acgov.org. Please include name, phone number, training date/time, preferred interviewing shift, and areas/cities within the county where you can interview.

**Interviewer Shifts on January 27, 2009:**
Early (5:30 am to 2 pm), Day (8:30 am to 5 pm) and Late (4 pm to 10:30 pm).

**Volunteer Training Dates:**

**Berkeley:** January 15th, 9:30 am – 12:30pm, 1947 Center St, Basement, Acacia Room
January 15th, 1:30 pm – 4:30pm, 1947 Center St, Basement, Acacia Room

**Oakland:** January 15th, 6 pm – 9 pm, 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 4th Floor, Conference Rm 1
January 16th, 9 am – 12 pm, 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 4th Floor, Conference Rm 1
January 16th, 1 pm – 4 pm, 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 4th Floor, Conference Rm 1

**Livermore:** January 20th, 12-3 pm, 3311 Pacific Ave., Conference Room (bring lunch)

**Fremont:** January 21st, 9 am – 12 pm, 39155 Liberty St., Suite H100, Pacific Conference Room
**Limited free childcare for this training, RSVP if needed asap.

**Hayward:** January 21st, 1:30 – 4:30 pm, 224 W. Winton Ave., Room 176
January 21st, 6 – 9 pm, 224 W. Winton Ave., Room 176

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**My Boards and Commissions:**

Altamont Rail Express Joint Powers Authority (ACE)
Alameda Congestion Management Agency (CMA)
Alameda County Transportation Authority (ACTA/ACTIA)
Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)
California State Association of Counties (CSAC)
Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters (CARD)
East Bay Regional Communications System (EBRCS)
East Bay Regional Park District County Liaison (EBRPD)
Local Agency Formation Agency (LAFCO)
Livermore- Amador Valley Transportation Authority (LAVTA)
Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
National Association of Counties (NACo)
Oakland Alameda County Coliseum Authority (JPA)
Personnel Administration and Legislative Committee (PAL)
Transportation and Planning Tri-Valley Transportation Council (TVTC)
## County and Local Events Calendar

### January 2009

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