Alameda County Completes Redistricting Process

Last completed in 2010, every 10 years the federal government conducts a census to determine the populations in each area. Following the census, the State of California requires redistricting of political district boundaries. Alameda County the State and many other jurisdictions have either completed or are undergoing the process now.

Alameda County gained 66,530 residents in the last 10 years for a total of 1,510,271, with the largest population increase in the South and East areas of the County. By law each district must vary no more than 10% from the smallest to most populated district. Dublin was the fastest growing city over the last 10 years with a 53.6% increase. Cities like Piedmont and Oakland experienced 2% declines in population. District 1, which currently includes Livermore, Pleasanton and parts of Fremont, Dublin and Sunol, has had the most growth, gaining almost 30,000 more residents than the average in the County.

The County redistricting process began early in 2011 with 6 public hearings held throughout the County to get input on how the County should be divided. District 1 must lose almost 30,000 residents. It is difficult to lose people you have represented and with which you have established close working relationships. It is like deciding who to cut from your team, your organization or extended family. In 1960 District 1 consisted of everything south and east of the Oakland/San Leandro border.

It was helpful to receive letters from the mayors representing the 4 cities in District 1. Their messages were very clear; the mayors of Dublin and Livermore felt that having 2 supervisors representing the Valley was advantageous. The Mayor of Pleasanton preferred to have Pleasanton and/or the valley remain intact, especially given its recent history at the State and Federal levels of being divided into multiple districts. The Mayor of Fremont wanted to keep the Fremont Districts as they are presently drawn today.

After listening to constituents and their city representatives the only map that accomplished all these goals was Map E-1. Map E-1 was also the only map that divided a minimum of 2 cities in the entire County. On July 12th and July 26th the Board of Supervisors had the first and second reading of the ordinance for map E-1. The new boundaries go into effect 30 days after the second reading. In Map E-1, District 1 consists of the entirety of Dublin and Livermore and the areas of Fremont and Sunol that are currently in District 1 today. Sadly we are losing an area that has historically been an important part of District 1 as Pleasanton will now become part of District 4.

Supervisor Nate Miley representing District 4 is an incredibly hard working Supervisor who does an amazing job representing all parts of his district. The Supervisors who represent the First and Fourth Districts are committed to working closely together with the cities and its citizens to look out for the interest of the valley. I look forward to continuing to represent Fremont, Livermore and Sunol and welcome the rest of Dublin to District 1.

For more information on redistricting or any other Alameda County issue please call my office at 925-551-6995 or the County website on redistricting www.acgov.org/redistricting
CPR 7 to the Rescue

In November, 2010 the Alameda County Health Services Agency kicked off the CPR 7 program with the goal to provide CPR training to 14,613 7th graders.

It’s a pleasure to report the CPR 7 program is not only meeting its timeline, but exceeding it. The goal was to train 7,500 7th graders how to perform CPR by the end of this school year. However the CPR 7 program has outperformed its initial goal of 7,500 students by training 10,069 students in an 8 month span.

In District 1, 4,905 7th graders have been trained. Countywide, 36 middle schools have been introduced to the program and by the end of next year nearly every middle school student in the county will have received CPR training.

Part of the CPR 7 program is to challenge the middle school students to train at least 6 family members or friends above the age of 12. This portion of the program has also been a success. In fact, Junction Avenue K-8 School in Livermore has already topped that mark, with each 7th grader training an average of 6.7 community members.

Currently the bystander CPR rate in Alameda County is 28%. That means whenever someone goes down only 28% of the time does someone call 911 or start CPR.

The County believes training every 7th grader over the next 3 years, and challenging them to train at least six people will expose 75,000 people per year to CPR, which we hope will increase the bystander CPR rate to 60%.

Funding for this program comes from SB 12, a source from speeding fines that are used for Emergency Medical Services enhancement, and from Measure A, the Essential Health Care Services Tax.

For more information please contact Jamie Hintzke, CPR7 Community Coordinator at 925-876-7665 to the Rescue

My Boards and Commissions:

Altamont Rail Express Joint Powers Authority (ACE)
Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC)
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)
Transportation and Planning Tri-Valley Transportation Council (TVTC)
District 1 Transportation Update

**Interstate 580**

After much urging, in May Caltrans started emergency pavement repairs on I-580 westbound between North Livermore Avenue and Airway Boulevard in Livermore. The pavement on this heavily traveled stretch of road deteriorated to such a degree that maneuvering became difficult and motorists were experiencing damages that ranged from lost hubcaps and cracked windshields to temporary loss of power to their vehicles. Repairs are expected to be completed by late July.

**Stanley Boulevard**

Work on this Safety and Streetscape Improvement project continues to progress. Contractors are attempting to avoid extended lane closures in both the east- and westbound directions to accommodate peak period commute traffic in the a.m. and p.m. Good news – the rail crossing east of the Lonestar Quarry intersection was removed and repaved making for a much smoother ride. For more information on this project visit [http://www.acgov.org/pwa/Facts%20Sheet-%20Stanley%20Blvd%20Feb%202009.pdf](http://www.acgov.org/pwa/Facts%20Sheet-%20Stanley%20Blvd%20Feb%202009.pdf).

**BART to Livermore**

On July 26, BART presented its proposal to the Regional Rail Working Policy Group (RRWPG) to develop a Phase 1 project for its extension to Livermore. The RRWPG is an ad hoc advisory committee comprised of elected and appointed officials from the Tri-Valley and San Joaquin County.

Earlier in the month, in response to a locally organized effort in support of a BART route along the I-580 corridor destined for the Greenville Road area, the Livermore City Council adopted the route. Last summer the City Council and the BART board of directors adopted a routing through downtown Livermore to Vasco Road with a station at each location. Due to the high cost and impacts to local neighborhoods, residents organized an effort to petition the City Council to adopt an I-580 route.

BART is now working on developing a viable Phase 1 project which can be funded and built in the near term (within 5 years). This “interim” station location, anticipated to be in the general area along I-580 between Isabel and Portola Avenues, will provide limited BART service until the entire alignment to Greenville Road is funded and built.

While no funding currently exists for a Phase 1 project, the Alameda County Transportation Commission agency is now preparing for a ballot measure in November 2012 which will ask voters in the county to approve extending its sales tax to fund transportation projects countywide over the coming decades. This BART project must be eligible to compete against hundreds of other capital projects and programs vying to be included in the measure.

Complicating matters are the processes currently underway to update both the County-Wide Transportation Plan and the MTC Regional Transportation Plan. Transportation projects and programs must be in these plans to be eligible for funding from various local, state and federal sources.

Key milestones for all three of these efforts are drawing near, putting pressure on project/program sponsors to submit viable and implementable projects for consideration. For more information on the BART extension to Livermore visit [http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cd/eng/traffic/bart.asp](http://www.cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cd/eng/traffic/bart.asp) or [http://www.bart.gov/about/projects/liv/](http://www.bart.gov/about/projects/liv/).
The Oakland District 1 office is proud to join the ranks of over 2,600 Bay Area Green Businesses.

To earn the logo, the office had to comply with environmental laws and regulations, conserve water and energy, cut waste, and prevent pollution. We went through onsite certification assessments by a team drawn from local conservation programs and energy and water utilities.

“A Green Business is an efficient business and an asset to the community. We are pleased to add the District 1 Office among our ‘green’ certified organizations.” said Pamela Evans, Alameda County’s Green Business Coordinator.

There are many benefits to participating in the Green Business Program. Certified Green Businesses have the right to use the Green Business logo to market themselves, and they gain access to free online marketing tools.

The Program offers free assistance to ‘green’ business operations and helps cut operating costs. Businesses can save money on their utility bills using simple conservation measures - many of which are ‘low hanging fruit’ requiring little or no cost.

Free energy, water and waste audits and a full set of operating guidelines are available to Green Business candidates thanks to the Green Business Program and its local partners. Partners include Alameda County, PG&E, East Bay MUD and the Castro Valley Sanitary District.

Here are examples of three no-cost steps businesses can take to cut their energy bills:

1. Sign up for the Green Business Program and get a free energy audit.
2. Clean lighting fixtures and lamps at twice a year - dirt can reduce lighting efficiency by up to 50%.
3. Fill office refrigerator space with emergency water supply, extra bottled drinks, etc. Refrigerators run more efficiently when full. Adjust temperature settings for fridge and freezer to the lowest setting that keeps food fresh. Typically, the appropriate setting is in the medium to low range, not at the high end of the dial.

Three low- or no-cost water saving measures:

- Replace old faucet aerators with 0.5 gallon/minute flow restrictors for hand wash sinks. Ask for assistance at the hardware stores finding these low-flow devices, or contact EBMUD.
- Scrape dishes clean instead of rinsing food waste from plates with water.
- Sweep sidewalks rather than blasting away debris with a hose. Spot clean grubby areas with a sponge mop if needed.

To enroll in the Green Business Program, visit www.greenbusinessca.org. For more information contact Pamela Evans, Green Business Coordinator, at 510.567.6770 or pamela.evans@acgov.org. There is no cost to enroll in the Green Business Program.
On June 24 the Alameda County Board of Supervisors adopted a $2.5 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2011-12. The budget closed a $137.9 million funding gap – the third consecutive funding gap over $100 million– while the County continues to meet increased needs for its services as a result of the deep and extended recession. The budget supports a workforce of 9049 full-time positions, absorbing the loss of 111 full-time positions, many of which were unfilled.

The final budget includes cuts and savings achieved through increased efficiencies. Employee labor groups continue to forego planned salary increases and pay a share of health benefit premiums. The County’s public safety unions have agreed to reduce pension benefits for newly-hired employees.

While the adopted budget is balanced, deep concerns remain about the State’s plan for “realignment”, shifting almost $6 billion in criminal justice, health and welfare programs from the State to local government. In spite of these impacts and the uncertainty around the State’s ongoing fiscal condition, the County continues to employ collaborative and innovative approaches to deliver services.

Its Social Services Agency and Health Care Services Agency collaborate on Medi-Cal enrollments, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) advocacy and evaluation services; Public Health provides nurses for In-Home Support Services; Parole Re-entry Court involving local judges, prosecutors, public defenders, parole agents and court appointed specialists work in a collaborative effort to reduce recidivism, revocation and re-incarceration; implementation of a demonstration project involving Social Services Agency, Probation Department and Public Defender to help various groups of at-risk youth.

While the County balanced its budget and continues to deliver basic services, it continues to be proactive as it seeks opportunities for funding as well as additional efficiencies in its operations.

For a more in information, please visit http://www.acgov.org/budget.htm
Boards and Commissions

QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS NEEDED TO SERVE ON COUNTY COMMISSIONS

The Supervisor is seeking qualified individuals to serve on the following county advisory committees or boards with current openings.

Public Health Commission: Serve as advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and Health Care Services Agency in the areas of public health, primary care, and criminal justice medical services.

Alameda County Advisory Commission on Aging: Provide for services to elderly and assist in allocation of funds as Advisor to the Area Agency on Aging.

Human Relations Commission: To prevent discrimination in housing, employment and education.
Meetings: 3rd Wednesday, 6:00 – 8:00p.m.

Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority’s Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC): The CWC scrutinizes all ACTIA expenditures and reports directly to the public on how Measure B funds are spent each year.
Meetings: on a quarterly basis on the 2nd Monday, 6:30p.m.

For more information, contact District 1 Offices (see page 7), send resume’ via email to vener.bates@acgov.org; or fax to 925-484-2809 Attn: Vener Bates

District 1 Student Interns Recognized

Each year students from District 1 communities volunteer for summer intern opportunities in this office. High school to college aged students work in our offices assisting in duties that include data entry, mass mailings, and special projects including producing this newsletter.

Student interns gain exposure to county government and experience working in a professional office environment. With a full-time staff of only six, interns help with time-consuming duties that need attention such as updating files.

Students gain valuable experience and a reference for their education and career resume. Many District 1 interns have gone on to pursue studies in political science of law.

During these belt-tightening time, interns are indispensable in helping to get the work done. This summer, we recognize the contributions of Nicholas Yuk and Connie Yen, both of Fremont. For more information on future summer student intern opportunities contact josh.thurman@acgov.org

Thank you District 1 Interns

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County and Local Events Calendar
September 2011

**Add your community events by emailing us at district1@acgov.org**

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