



# Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker Newsletter

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Alameda County, District 3

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**Thursday, June 26th –  
Osteoporosis Talk & Bone  
Density Scan  
9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Fruitvale Senior Center  
3301 East 12<sup>th</sup> St. Suite 201  
Oakland**

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## Staffing Change

Kevin Dowling will be leaving my office on June 27th. Kevin has been working for me since 2001, out of my San Lorenzo District office, handling issues facing the residents of San Lorenzo. Kevin has helped me work on many projects, including: the skateboard park in San Lorenzo, the San Lorenzo Youth Collaborative, the County Social Host Ordinance, and the VillageWalk development on Bockman.

Kevin is taking a job with the Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro as Development Director, and will start in July. He is very familiar with the SL Boys & Girls Club as he helped me organize the San Lorenzo Youth Collaborative, and worked with the Team Up for Youth program in the San Lorenzo and Ashland areas.

I am very thankful to Kevin for all the work he has done for my office. I wish him well and am glad he will still be around in his new capacity with the Boys & Girls Club of San Leandro.

## San Lorenzo Industrial Streets Repaving

In 2006, I led the effort to pass an economic development plan for the Unincorporated Area. One of the projects in plan was to re-pave Worthley and Baumann in the Grant Avenue industrial area of San Lorenzo. It is the only industrial area in the Unincorporated Area and a source of jobs and tax revenue for the County.

These two streets were in serious disrepair due to heavy truck traffic in the area. Many businesses in the area including Tharco (a box manufacture) and Sara Lee (Gallo salami) operate 24 hours per day, seven days a week, making the project a challenge. I asked the Alameda County Public Works staff to work closely with the area businesses to reduce the amount of disruption to their operations.

Public Works staff secured \$1.6 million from Prop 42 funds (gasoline sales tax) to proceed with the project. The work re-paved over 3,000 feet of pavement and improved sidewalks in the area. I celebrated the project's completion on May 29<sup>th</sup> with County staff and local business leaders.

## My Website

I have added a community calendar to my website so that District 3 residents and our community partners can easily find events, workshops and meetings that I am hosting, as well as download event flyers, and even get driving directions to the event.

You will also be able to access materials related to District 3 initiatives such as *Health Is Not Just Health Care* and the *San Lorenzo Initiative*. Meeting agendas, handouts, and minutes will be posted and can be downloaded in "pdf" format. I hope that, by using the internet in this way, communication and coordination will be substantially enhanced.

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## Community Events / Announcements

Bayfair Employment Training Academy (BETA) - For those youth looking for work between the ages of 14-24 and living in the zip codes of 94541, 94542, 94545, 94546, 94552, 94577, 94578, 94579 or 94580, BETA is holding an orientation for its next employment training starting on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m at Bayfair Center. This is a six week program where youth come for twice a week, and in the end, participants are guaranteed an interview with a local employer. For more information on BETA, call Hilary at (510) 259-3501.

East Bay Municipal Utility District Public Workshop on Future Water Supply - East Bay MUD will be conducting workshops to plan and manage water demand and supply until the year 2040. A Public Education and Input workshop will be held on June 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The Identifying a Long Term Water Supply Portfolio workshop will be held on June 24 from 8 – 11 am. Both workshops are in the EBMUD building at 375 – 11<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland.

First 5 Alameda County Strategic Planning Analysis - First 5 Alameda County Every Child Counts is developing a strategic plan for 2009-2013, which will guide future investments in programs & services that benefit children age 0-5 & their families. First 5 is inviting the community to contribute to this planning process by attending one of the Community Forum sessions. These sessions will give people an opportunity to learn about the First 5 planning process, review a draft of the Situation Analysis report, and provide input. Some forum dates include: June 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Bananas Inc. (5232 Claremont in Oakland), June 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Beebe Memorial (3900 Telegraph Ave. in Oakland) and June 26<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Alameda Health Consortium (1320 Harbor Bay Parkway #250 in Alameda). For more information, contact First 5 Alameda County at (510) 875-2400.

Alameda County Fair – Opens from June 20 through July 6 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Tickets are \$10 Adults, \$7 Seniors, and \$6 Children under 13. Special discounts available online at [www.alamedacountyfair.com](http://www.alamedacountyfair.com) before June 20<sup>th</sup>. Special promotions and more information are also available online. **Limited** number of discount coupons is available to *District 3 residents* by calling us at (510) 272-6693. Limit 4 coupons per household.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**The Proposed County Budget is available on the county website.**

The County has added the proposed budget for 2008-2009 to its website for downloading. Plus there is a list of budget hearings as well as the link to listen to the budget hearings live via the internet. This will make following the budget proceedings much easier to access. To download the county budget, visit the county mainpage:

<http://www.acgov.org>