Hello District 5!

Every day, my office works to tackle the issues that matter most in our community. In this newsletter, you’ll learn about our work on the County budget, our efforts to make sure all our residents including immigrants and the homeless feel safe, our push to promote STEM education, and so much more!

Thank you for your interest in Alameda County government, and please don’t hesitate to reach out to my office with your questions, thoughts, or ideas. Our contact information is listed below. We want to hear from you!

Sincerely,

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Supervisor Carson oversees Alameda County’s Fifth District, which includes Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont, West Oakland, North Oakland, Rockridge, and portions of the Grand Lake, Manzanita, Dimond District, and Bella Vista neighborhoods.

2017-2018 Budget Updates

The Alameda County budget will be finalized on June 30. 60% of the budget comes from state and federal aid. Highlights from each budget:

Federal Budget

- The U.S. Government passed an Omnibus Spending Bill for Fiscal Year 17, which adds money for border security but does not provide money for constructing a border wall. This bill is good for counties!

California Budget

- Governor Brown’s budget originally eliminated funding for In Home Supportive Services. Supervisor Carson met with the Governor and helped change this policy. Still, counties must pay $141 million next year to continue providing vital health care and social services.

Alameda County Budget

- We follow a Values-Based Budgeting system. In fact, 50% of public safety realignment dollars go to community-based organizations.

Did you know? Supervisor Carson represents District 5, is the President of the California State Association of Counties, the Chair of the Alameda County Budget Workgroup, and the Chair of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance.

Community Forum on Immigrant & Refugee Rights

On April 25, we hosted a forum featuring “Know-Your-Rights” training, legislation updates, and community input on needs and services. Over 10 community partners joined us in providing resources and information. Our office remains committed to ensuring all Alameda County residents feel safe in our community. We hope to host another forum in the future to continue supporting our constituents.
Office of Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) in the East Bay

East Bay STEM Career Awareness Day
We partnered with Cal State East Bay’s Institute for STEM Education and Wareham Development for the annual East Bay STEM Career Awareness Day. Nearly 300 high school students from Oakland, Berkeley, and Richmond toured local labs and businesses, learning about possible STEM careers right here at home.

Innovation 2.0 Regional STEM Action Plan
Supervisor Carson chairs the East Bay EDA. On May 12, he helped kick off the Innovation 2.0 Regional STEM Action Plan. Innovation 2.0 was a challenge from House Minority Leader Pelosi, championed by local Congressmembers, to ensure America remains competitive. Our plan is the first of any region in the nation.

Board of Supervisors
March – June Recognitions & Honorees

Women’s History Month
Simone Thelemaque, Peggy McQuaid, Moni Law, and Joanna Kim-Selby

Let’s Work Campaign for Diverse Hiring
BioTech Partners and Clean 360

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Asian Prisoner Support Committee and Asian Health Services

21st Annual East Bay Affordable Housing Week—Together for Housing Justice
Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA)

Regional Homelessness Meeting for Northern Alameda County
On May 10, our office convened a regional meeting to address how the County, cities, and community partners can better collaborate to address homelessness. Representatives from Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, and Oakland were present, as well as County representatives from the Social Services Agency, the Housing and Community Development Department, and the Health Care Services Agency. EveryoneHome hopes to continue the coordination of this effort as we work to solve this problem.

Upcoming Events and Community Announcements

- June 7—Human Impact Budget Hearing
- June 7—District 5 Community Mixer
- June 11—Temescal Street Fair
- June 18—Berkeley Juneteenth
- June 24—Oakland Juneteenth
- June 26-28—Alameda County Budget Hearings

For up-to-date information on events and announcements:
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