

## **Alameda County Citizen's Academy (ACCA)**

### What is the Citizens Academy?

The Alameda County Citizens Academy is a free six-session interactive program that provides insight to County services and operations and offers opportunities for civic engagement in the County.

The Alameda County Citizens Academy, formerly known as the Adult Leadership Academy, was founded in 2001 by County Administrator, Susan S. Muranishi, with the full support of the Board of Supervisors.

It provides an excellent opportunity for the community to increase their knowledge of County government and its impact. Through presentations by top County leaders, participants benefit from a unique interactive learning and behind the scenes experience. Sessions include tours of key County facilities, demonstrations of specialized equipment, and hands-on exercises, all designed to illustrate the impact of County services in the community and opportunities for citizen engagement.

\*Due to COVID-19, we are unable to provide tours and in-person activities for the 2020 program.

### **What are the Goals of the Citizens Academy?**

#### Increase Knowledge of Citizens

Participants become better informed about the role and structure of Alameda County in the community and gain a better understanding about what is required to run a county.

#### Civic Engagement

The ACCA is a program of civic engagement and increases on-going citizen participation in County government. Citizens learn how they can be more involved with Alameda County.

#### Networking

Participants have the opportunity to connect with other citizens from around the County. Participants and staff foster enhanced communication.

#### What will I Learn?/"Takeaways"

Over the course of six, Wednesday evening sessions, participants increase their knowledge about Alameda County and its services through the County's Vision 2026 core themes:

Healthy Environment,

Thriving & Resilient Population,

Safe & Livable Communities,

Prosperous & Vibrant Economy,

with emphasis on departmental innovation and sustainability in addressing the Vision's 10X Goals.

### When are the Sessions?

The 2020 Alameda County Citizens Academy consists of six evening sessions from 6:00pm – 8:00pm on the following dates: September 23, September 30, October 7, October 14, October 21, and October 28.

All sessions will be held virtually. To successfully complete and graduate from the Academy, each participant must attend five of the six sessions.