



District 5 Newsletter

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For a complete listing of events in District 5, visit my [Community Calendar](#).

My District 5 e-newsletter is designed to keep *you*, the residents, of Alameda County's Fifth District informed about important issues in our communities. The Fifth District includes the cities of Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Piedmont, and large portions of Oakland, namely West Oakland, North Oakland, Rockridge, and the Fruitvale and San Antonio Districts.

Contact me with your feedback by e-mailing dist5@acgov.org or by calling (510) 272-6695.

The School Readiness Fun Fair Was a Success!

I sponsored, along with Every Child Counts, First 5 of Alameda County, the "School Readiness Fun Fair" on Saturday, March 11th at Beebe Memorial Church in Oakland. The day brought out parents, children, and child care providers. For wonderful local coverage of the event, please click on the link below for the article which appeared in the Daily Californian, the UC Berkeley student-run newspaper.

[Read the full story.](#)

Disaster Preparedness in District 5

Recent events, such as the hurricanes in the Gulf Coast last year, have caused many people to focus their attention on the issue of disaster preparedness, where public safety agencies play the lead role. While there is no question that police, fire and others will exercise leadership in a time of crisis, I am focusing on the role that community-based organizations can play in assisting residents to prepare themselves for times of need.

[Read the full story.](#)

Legislative Updates

Every year there are hundreds of bills introduced in the California State Legislature. Alameda County actively supports bills that will improve the lives of our residents and help the County run stronger public programs with our limited resources. I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know about two bills making their way through the Legislature currently and to encourage you to support them.

Senate Bill 1305 – The Safe Needle Disposal Act, written by Senator Liz Figueroa

Assembly Bill 2560 – The School Based Health Center Bill, written by Assembly Member Mark Ridley-Thomas.

Click on the link below for the full summaries on these bills:

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