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From: George Burt <g_burt@sfenterprises.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Johnson, Venus
Subject: Agenda & Notice West Oakland Business Alert meeting Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 from 3 - 5 p.m. at SF Enterprises Conference Room 2525 Mandela Parkway
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To the West Oakland Businesses and Participants of West Oakland Business Alert

This month's West Oakland Business Alert meeting is tomorrow Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 from 3 - 5 p.m. at SF Enterprises Conference Room 2525 Mandela Parkway

The Agenda (in pdf and word) is attached for a total of 2 attachments.

We hope that you plan on attending, it is important to continue our goals:

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PLEASE POST ON YOUR CALENDAR West Oakland Business Alert meeting schedule for 2017

West Oakland Business Alert meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting time is 3 p.m. (exception are dates marked *):

January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, *December 20 (as needed)

Additionally we have received the following message from Kathryn Porter

Please click on the following link to review the new website: [The Under Maze website](#)

We have recently finished [The Under Maze website](#)...an on going photo essay of two of the homeless camps here in north West Oakland; at 35th and Magnolia and on Wood Street. The website is now live and can be viewed, it gives an overview and a photo history of the camps from 2011 to the present. We will continue to photograph the camp sites on a monthly basis and add photos We will also continue to seek out and post links that are germane to the persistent problem of urban camping/misuse of public lands. Our goal is to chronicle the changes at those sites and perhaps shed some light on the problem of homelessness under our freeways. And maybe, if we get lucky, attract some creative solutions to this complex problem.

Best Wishes to you and yours for a wonderful 2017.

*Sincerely,
Kathryn Porter*

Thank you

Attachments: 2 documents: Agenda in word and pdf

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Agenda West Oakland Business Alert

Wednesday, January 18th, 2017, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SF Enterprises Conference Room, 2525 Mandela Parkway,
Large Conference Room - park on street &-enter warehouse

- 3:00 – 3:05 Welcome & Self Introductions-
Michael Herling, West Oakland Business Alert Chair
- 3:10 – 3:20 Safety & Security- Update
Invited: OPD Officers Officers Robert Gallianatti and Mario Fajardo
- 3:20 – 3:30 Discussion of PWA & Waste Management Illegal Dumping Pick Up Procedures
Invited: Leland Moore and Robert Newman, Supervisor PWA
- 3:30 – 3:35 Status of City replacement Staff for Margot Prado
Introduction of Zach Seal
Urban Economic Analyst III, Oakland Economic & Workforce Development Department
- 3:35 – 3:50 Wood St. Homeless • 16th to 32nd Streets
Roadway encroachment into travel lanes, fires, drug use, violence, sex trafficking, and theft
Invited: Joe DeVries, Office of the City Administrator
Invited: Julie Passarelli, Homeless Advocate, Sponsor of "Listening Sessions" on Jan 5th at Calif. Hotel
- 3:35 – 3:50 Discussion regarding lack of access to sanitary facilities for the homeless
biohazard / environmental / communicable disease risks emanating from the sheer amount of human
waste that contaminating the area around the homeless camps as well as the storm drains that are
being used as public sewers.
Invited: Alameda County Public Health Dept. and EBMUD
- 3:50 – 4:00 Update re: "Compassionate Communities" Temporary Encampments
a. Upper Peralta / Magnolia Sts. (Camp Clawson)
Invited: Joe DeVries, Office of the City Admin. Brigitte Cook, Rep.of Council District 3
- 4:00 – 4:10 Status and Update of Abatement of Homeless Encampments
(a.) Wood Street (b.) Poplar Street (between 28th and 30th Streets)
(c.) 5th, 6th, Castro and Brush Sts (d.). Willow Street
Invited: Joe DeVries, Office of the City Administrator
- 4:10 – 4:25 Caltrans Maintenance of Right of Way, Right of Way Leases and Sales
Invited: Marc Ceccarelli Right of Way Agent responsible for routes in Alameda County except for Route
880, Keanna Coolins Right of Way Agent for Route 880 in Alameda County, Russ Frazier Regional
Maintenance Superintendent for fence repairs. Manuel Polintan Regional Superintendent Maintenance
- 4:25 – 4:30 Condition of Railroad Properties along the Western side of Wood Street
Weeds, Debris and Fire Danger
Invited Joe DeVries, Office of the City Administrator
- 4:55 – 5:00 New Business, discussion of next month's meeting agenda & close of meeting

West Oakland Undermaze Project

GOAL:

The Goal of the West Oakland Business Alert Target Area Project is to improve a specific problematic district within the West Oakland Industrial lands that is impaired in achieving full economic development potential, including business development, job generation, improved quality of life for companies, employees and residents alike, by distressed infrastructure, presence of blight, crime, vandalism, homeless encampments, and general disinvestment by property owners.

OBJECTIVE:

To engage all relevant property owners and operators including public agencies, federal, state, and local, with commerce associations, the City of Oakland departments of Public Works, Oakland Police Department, Health & Human Services, Planning & Building, Economic Development, and relevant elected officials of the County and City, to identify problems, identify potential solutions, work on a regional and local basis to mitigate such conditions on an immediate and long term basis.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Convene and identify all stakeholders (owners, operators, relevant agencies);
2. Use the West Oakland Industrial Infrastructure Study to map specific priorities and conditions in the Target Area. (See www.business2Oakland.com "Key Industries" "Industrial" for full report)
3. Engage both city of Emeryville and City of Oakland in goals for this "border area";
4. Work with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway on mitigating dangerous and negative impacts of unused, but not vacated rail spurs;
5. Work with Caltrans Right of Way and Surplus Property division on improving maintenance in the area.
6. Work with existing private property owners and potential new developers in the area towards general "stewardship" principles.
7. Other goals to be determined.

TIMEFRAME:

June 2015: Work with Senator Hancock's office, Mayor's Office, Council District 3 Office, West Oakland Commerce Association, City Economic Development division and Public Works Agency, and Oakland Police Department, along with agencies responsible for homeless interactions to convene an initial working group session.

July-October: Use Business Alert Committee as a regular forum for progress via a Collective Impact" approach.

August – November: Seek funding sources for longer term capital improvement of the area.

COORDINATION:

West Oakland Business Alert committee will be the central communication body through which coordination will occur.

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- Oakland Police Website oaklandpolice.com

Crime Prevention Information & MORE

www.oaklandpolice.com

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Or email abandonedauto@oaklandnet.com

Oakland Housing Authority, Brian Quon 535-3100
bquon@oakha.org

Vehicle Abatement – on private property 777-8538

ABAT (Problem Bars & Liquor Stores) 777-8673

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To: Johnson, Venus
Cc: Tim Morse
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Subject: Public Safety as a Function of Community Organization
Date: January 8, 2017 at 4:38:08 PM PST
To: Venus Johnson <vjohnson@oaklandnet.com>
Cc: Tim Morse <tim.morse@bayalarm.com>

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From: Morse, Tim <Tim.Morse@bayalarm.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Johnson, Venus; Stephen Lowe
Subject: RE: Public Safety as a Function of Community Organization

This is excellent, Venus! Thank you for the response!

We typically like to have our meetings around the 2nd or third Thursday of the month. Since we already have a program booked for February, we would be looking at something like March 9th or 16th. We do these at lunch time so it would be noon to 1ish, depending on how much time you have to spare.

All this being said, we need to remain flexible for our speakers so we'll always entertain the notion of 4th Thursday... a Wednesday, etc.

Let us know how these prospective dates work for you and we can adjust from there.

Thanks and take care!

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From: George Burt <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 2:37 PM
To: Johnson, Venus
Subject: City of Oakland Actions to be taken on Wed., March 8th to address the homeless encampments on Wood St
Attachments: Wood St. Flyer for campers, businesses, and residents for wood street 3.1.17..doc; #2
Wood St. Schematic Plan for Health and Safety Pilot Project 2.28.17.jpg

To the West Oakland Businesses and Participants of West Oakland Business Alert

Please find below correspondence from the City of Oakland regarding the City's actions to be undertaken next week on Wednesday, March 8th to address the homeless encampments on Wood Street. Also attached is (1.) a brief flyer and (2.) a draft schematics of the plan for Wood Street homeless encampments.

The attached flyers from the City outlines the basics of what we hope will be a temporary improvement for the bad encampment situation on Wood Street. While certainly not the final, totally clean goal we all have, these efforts by the City will help protect drivers and campers, while keeping the site pollution under better control until placement services like Operation Dignity can gradually reduce the population of the camp. We understand that these moves are not without controversy. We do not have clarification on the mention of parking prohibitions on the East side of Wood Street, and this concerns us, but it appears that this will only be along the southern half of the block between 24th and 26th Street.

This project will get started on Wednesday, March 8 and it will be disruptive for most of the day and into Thursday. There has been, and will continue to be outreach to the campers, so this is not a surprise. Tents and belongings will be moving out of the way for part of the day and not relocating to the East side, although it may appear that way while K-rail installation and clean-up is occurring.

Please share your concerns and suggestions, as WOCA will be working closely with the City to insure the best possible result.

On a related subject, we are lobbying heavily for the use of the new Infrastructure Bond monies to transform Wood Street into a complete street, with curbs, lighting, rail removal, repaving, street trees, the works, from the Train Station to the Emeryville border. More on that later.

Thank-you in advance for your patience with this process, and for any input you may have.

George Burt VP WOCA
for the Directors of the West Oakland Commerce Association (WOCA)

On Mar 1, 2017, at 5:00 PM, DeVries, Joe wrote:
George and Lauren,

Attached is the brief flyer and two different draft schematics of the plan for Wood Street that we will be implementing next week. I was able to reach some businesses today and will be back out tomorrow or Friday to reach out to some more but please share this so we get better coverage.

Please see the attached projected plan for Wednesday 3/8: What we have designed is based on our observations and multiple field visits to this area and identifying current locations of campers

Some specs to identify:

- * the K-rails will be placed in four clusters in a 'corner' like fashion to create safety and protection; these will account for 12 K-rails
- * 3 remaining k-rails will be placed along the largest cluster (see schematic)
- * some sections will require folks to have to move entirely to accommodate the plan (see 24th and Wood for example)
- * none of the image is to scale
- * at the time of instillation we will have to remain flexible and adjust according to real time in the field circumstances.
- * we are planning to begin the execution of the project from North to South early Wednesday 3/8; KOCB doing clean up/abatement work followed closely behind by the heavy machinery & K-rail instillation.
- * an identical blank map of our schematic for viewing of the lay out and reference. OD is already gone out to review the schematic and giving us feedback to mark in 'real time' who/what is currently placed where and if possible to confirm our information on where folks are located, who will need entire relocation, etc.

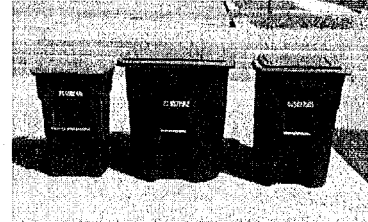
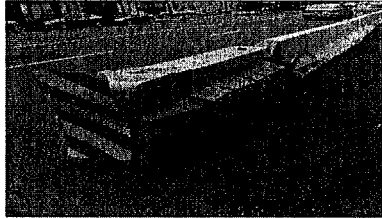
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Thank you

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WOOD ST. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROJECT



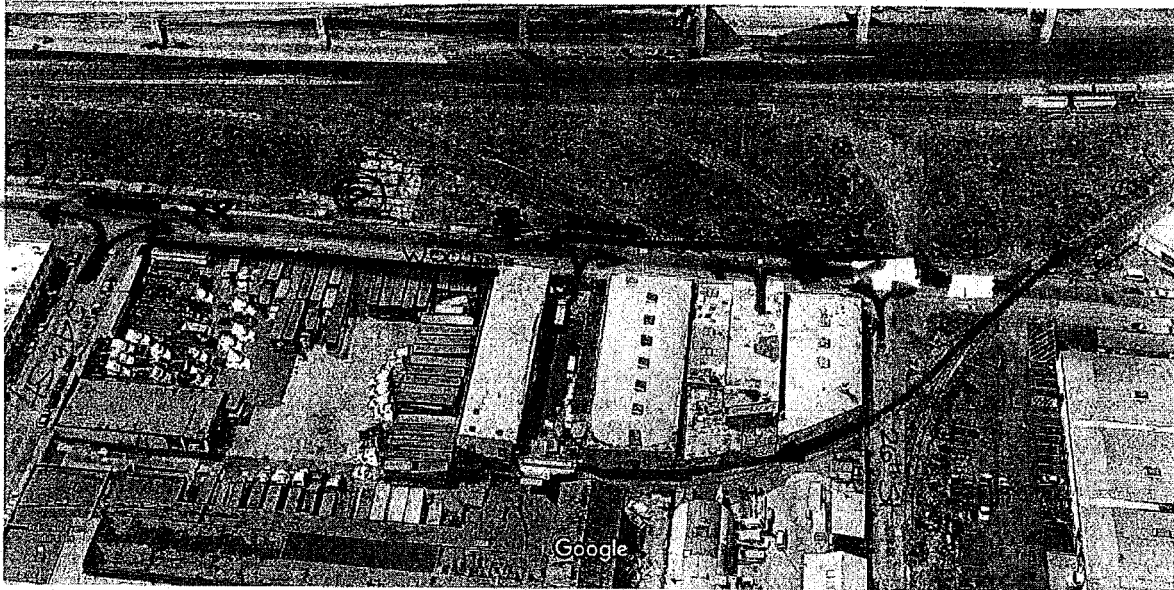
Summary:

To address the health and safety of unsheltered and housed residents, business owners and workers in the Wood St. area, the city will be installing protective railings, porta-potties, and providing regular garbage pick-up.





What will be different?

- K-rails will be installed on the west side of Wood St. between 24th and 26th Streets.
- Approximately 30 - foot openings will be provided every approximately 20 feet of k-rails for a total length of approximately 700 feet (15 K-Rails total).
- Porta-poties will be placed within the k-rail system; opening will be maintained for services to the Porta-poties to be completed without complication three times per week.
- To maintain two-way traffic flow, parking will be prohibited on the east side of the street.
- Garbage pick-up will take place in a centrally located section with 10 - 64 gallon carts at least twice per week.
- The k-rail system will be placed 20 feet from barb-wired fence to the interior of the K-rails.

Google Maps



Imagery ©2017 Google, Map data ©2017 Google, 50 ft

-  = no parking
-  = traffic flow
-  = no camping
-  = K-rail locations

XX = restrooms
potta-potty

●●●● = garbage carts

20
20
20
corner

Johnson, Venus

From: George Burt <grant_burt@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 6:25 PM
To: Johnson, Venus
Subject: New procedure for reporting code enforcement issues
Attachments: Final Sent Addressing Encampments in Oakland.doc

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FYI

West Oakland Business Alert has sent today the attached "Proposal to address the growing problems at Encampments" to the Mayor and City Leaders. Please read the attached word document.

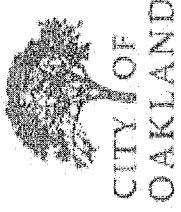
Excerpts from the letter:

In order to protect the health and safety of everyone, we propose that the City of Oakland establish rules and guidelines under which the encampments can operate.

Lastly, we ask that the encampment on Wood Street be fully abated immediately. The businesses and residents in the area have been asked to bear the burden of a completely out of control and unsafe environment for way too long.

A big **Thank You** to Lauren, Michael and the Business Alert participants for getting this document prepared and vetted at the meeting of Wednesday July 19th

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Urban Economic Analyst III, Oakland Economic & Workforce Development Department

Meeting Agenda West Oakland Business Alert
Wednesday, March 15th, 2017, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Meeting Purpose:

- (1) Report on next steps on 2017 goals.
- (2) Identify and agree upon priorities for work with OPD and OPW (Safety & Security and Illegal Dumping).
- (3) Receive updates on additional agenda items.

Priority Meeting Outcome:

Create clearly defined goals with tangible outcomes and actionable items for (1) and (2) above.

Topic	Who	Time	Outcome	Action Steps
Welcome and Introductions	All	3:00-3:05		
Safety & Security Possible 2017 Priorities: 1) Traffic Safety on Mandela 2) Illegal activity on Wood St 3) Illegal parking – RV's, semi trailers, etc.	Officers Robert Gallianatti and Mario Fajardo (City OPD)	3:05-3:30	Identify and agree upon top 3 priorities for 2017. Receive updates on current issues and understand/discuss beat priorities identified by OPD.	
Illegal Dumping Possible 2017 Priorities: 1) Choose top problem sites/ agree on best practices for pick-up/abatement 2) Track surveillance camera program/determine best strategies	Leland Moore (City PWA)	3:30-3:55	Identify and agree upon top 3 priorities for 2017. Receive updates on: 1) Current pick-up schedule 2) Details on Hazmat removal 3) Surveillance Camera Program	

<p>2017 Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Street infrastructure improvements • Caltrans land-uses for economic development purposes (Under Maze Project parcels update, broader discussion of land-use issues) • Railroad collaboration (track removal, development and maintenance/ landscaping/ beautification of railroad-owned land, creation of collaborative relationship with the railroads) 	All in attendance	3:55-4:30	<p>1) Wood Street – CIP process, identify next steps</p> <p>2) Caltrans – updates on Under Maze parcels, identify next steps</p> <p>3) Railroads – create contact, identify next steps</p>	
The CalEPA Environmental Justice Task Force's current activities in West Oakland	Reps from the Task Force	4:30-4:35	<p>Receive update on enforcement project.</p> <p>Identify ways BizAlert and CalEPA can collaborate during their enforcement project in West Oakland and in the future.</p>	
<p>Homeless update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Street encampment management • Upper Peralta / Magnolia Sts 	Joe DeVries	4:35-4:50	<p>Receive update on Wood St Health and Safety Project.</p> <p>Receive update on closure of Upper Peralta/Magnolia St encampment scheduled for March 31, 2017.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Business, discussion of next month's meeting agenda & close of meeting 	All in attendance	4:50-5:00		

Possible future agenda items:

- Proposal to build a bus access tunnel to the Bay Bridge near the Target store.
- Using the City's permit tracking system

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Subject: Important • Next Week's Mayor's Budget Meeting--for West Oakland and Business Alert Updates
Attachments: Prescott mayor's Budget Flyer outreach.pdf

To the West Oakland Businesses and Participants of West Oakland Business Alert

Please forward this email to others that may be interested and a big "thank you" to Lauren Westreich for preparing the following.

In an effort to be proactive and results oriented, we felt it prudent to follow up Wednesday's (3/15/17) monthly meeting with an email outlining next steps and actions we can all take and to ask for your help and support in the next month or so. As you will see below, the nature of the Budget cycle and the Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) process present opportunities for us to express our concerns and priorities in order to receive funding in the general budget and from the newly passed Infrastructure Bond (Measure KK). Both the Budget and the CIP list will be completed over the next month or so and presented to the City Council for passage by June 1, 2017.

There are **two specific things we'd like to see/emphasize over the coming weeks:**

1.

BizAlert has prioritized funding for major infrastructure improvements along Wood Street and perhaps several of the blocks that end on Wood Street (like 26th). The Infrastructure Bond provides up to \$350 million in street work. We want to be sure that Wood Street gets some of those funds. We are working to put together specifics of exactly what we would like to see done, but the gist of it is a complete streets project that would repair/replace the road surface; fix/install curbs, sidewalks, storm drains, and street lights; and remove the rail from the street wherever possible.

We believe this work is crucial not only for health and safety reasons, but its completion will have dramatic effects on the economy and economic viability and potential for West Oakland. In addition to the housing already completed and occupied at the Pacific Cannery Lofts, Iron Horse Lofts and others, 171 units are nearing completion just south of the 16th Street Station. At the southern end of Wood Street the WO BART project will add more units as well as significant commercial development. At the northern end, the Sherwin Williams Project in Emeryville is nearing construction and that will add 540 units of housing as well as almost 100,000SF of commercial space. In between, the City of Oakland owns 2+ acres just north of the train station that is close to an RFP for affordable housing, Holliday Development is applying for permits for their project just north of the City owned parcel and a brewery and performance space are planned for the corner of West Grand Avenue and Wood Street. All of that means that Wood Street desperately needs the infrastructure improvements we propose. In addition, the infrastructure work will help support business development, retention and expansion in the area by demonstrating that not only is the necessary infrastructure in place, but that the City is committed to the area. **Please come to the Mayor's Town Hall next Wednesday (info below and flyer attached) and speak up and support this request.**

2.

While we in no way want to hamper the efforts to build affordable housing (and housing in general), we at BizAlert are concerned that focusing on housing as the solution to the homeless encampments throughout West Oakland and the City in general will leave us dealing with the deleterious effects the encampments have on all of us - the unhoused residents, residents, our employees and businesses alike - while we wait years for housing to be built.

We want to urge the Mayor and the City Council to devote resources to innovative and immediate solutions to address the homeless encampments. We need money for sanctioned and staffed encampments/transitional housing immediately, while we wait for permanent housing. This is an immediate and pressing priority for right now. **Please come to the Mayor's Town Hall next Wednesday (info below) and speak up and support this request.**

Next Wednesday, March 22nd, the Mayor is hosting a town hall meeting on the City of Oakland 2017-2019 Budget to hear from folks about our priorities (see attached flyer and details below). We strongly encourage you to attend and speak up. There will be many projects competing for resources from the Infrastructure Bond and from the general budget. We want to make sure it's clear how much support there is for the priorities we've presented. Please come and support the infrastructure improvements on Wood Street and its tributaries as well as the need for money in the budget for sanctioned encampments and other innovative solutions to the homeless encampments in the immediate term.

Details on the Town Hall Meeting on the City of Oakland 2017-2019 Budget:

Date: Wednesday, March 22nd

Time: 6:00-8:00PM

Location: Sullivan Community Space
1671 8th Street
Oakland

Hosted by Prescott Neighbors

Finally, **one other ask:**

Our local Community Resource Officers from Oakland Police Department have repeatedly requested that we be sure to report any and all crime/blight that we observe. Their staffing levels and areas of focus are determined by data. That data comes from reports, so if we want more attention paid to our concerns, we have to file reports. What follows is information on how to do so.

For drug related offenses/problems please call the **Drug Hotline at 510-238-DRUG (3784)** and provide as much of the following as possible (do not endanger yourself to collect information):

- description of what happened
- description of who was present/involved (the more detail the better)
- if you are able to get a description/license plate of any vehicles involved that is very helpful (again, don't put yourself in danger to do so)
- where it took place

For illegal dumping/graffiti and other issues please report it using one of the following methods:

- Call the Public Works Agency - **PWA Call Center at 510-615-5566**
- File a report at seeclickfix.com/Oakland
- File a report using the mobile app - SeeClickFix
- Email pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com

Please be sure to provide specific details and a photo (if possible). If you use the web or the SeeClickFix app, be sure to mark the exact location on the map - you can drag the marker if need be. The geotag isn't always accurate. When you report graffiti try to describe the tag as best as possible as well as the size. When reporting illegal dumping, try to be as specific as possible about what has been dumped.

For other crimes/problems for the police department to address, please file an online report here - <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/government/o/OPD/s/report-crime/#start> or use the non-emergency phone number (if it's not an emergency) 510-777-3333.

In addition, our wonderful Community Resource Officers (CROs), Police Officers of the Oakland Police Department, have generously offered their email addresses so you may communicate directly with them as needed. Please be respectful of their time.

Rob Gallinatti - rgallinatti@oaklandnet.com
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If you have security cameras, you should consider letting OPD know by registering your camera(s) here: <https://solar.oaklandnet.com/CameraReg>

The registration lets them know where cameras are located and how to contact you if they believe your security footage might be of use. Of course if you capture something they should see, add that information to your police report and reach out to our CROs to let them know.

Sorry for the length of the email and thank you for your support,
West Oakland BizAlert – Lauren

PLEASE POST ON YOUR CALENDAR West Oakland Business Alert meeting schedule for 2017

West Oakland Business Alert meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting time is 3 p.m. (exception are dates marked *):

April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, *December 20 (as needed)

Thank you

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Ofc. A. Hutzol 9115

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Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 7:21 PM
To: Johnson, Venus
Cc: Shifra de Benedictis-Kessner; DeVries, Joe
Subject: Re: update - Violent attack in Temescal

All,

I have had great success with round table meetings at city hall, right across from Greg Minor's office (8th floor?). It's a large room with plenty of space for everyone.

Minimally I believe it should include Shifra from the TBID, A rep from Children's, a rep from Caltrans, and one from PWA, and naturally any relevant city personnel (Joe?) and perhaps Operation Dignity (Talia Ruben maybe)?

That way, we can get a cross disciplinary think tank or task force to put everything together and be on the same page.

What will solve this is two-fold:

- 1) coordination between Us (CRO+PWA) and Caltrans+CHP to alleviate jurisdictional issues
- 2) a remedy from the City of where to place the shelterless/homeless after we move them. Somewhere that isn't down the street or on the next block down.

I believe a solution is close at hand. I would like to avoid taking a punitive approach with citations and trespassing Arrests as I believe that will serve to only exacerbate the issue. I drove by the area today and it appeared to be fairly clean. I'll keep my eye on it but for a durable solution we will absolutely need to coordinate all of our resources in a task force.

Respectfully,

A. Hutzol 9115
CRO 2 - Beat 12X / 12Y

On Mar 28, 2017, at 6:57 PM, Johnson, Venus <VJohnson3@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

Good evening Shifra –

First, I am so sorry to hear about this incident. I have included Joe DeVries in this email, he is the point of contact in the City Administrator's Office working on homeless matters. Perhaps we can set up a meeting to further discuss. Are there set meeting dates for the Temescal BID that we could work with as a starting point? I see that Officer Hutzol was working on setting up a meeting as well, so perhaps we can start there if something has already been set up?

Thank you again,

Venus

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From: George Burt <grant_burt@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 12:38 PM
To: Johnson, Venus
Subject: City of Oakland Actions to be taken on Tuesday April 25th at 4pm to address the homeless crisis
Attachments: Report on Funding Strategies to Reduce Homelessness in Oakland 042517.pdf

To the West Oakland Businesses and Participants of West Oakland Business Alert

Please find below correspondence from the City of Oakland regarding the City's actions to be undertaken next week on Tuesday April 25th at 4pm at the City Council Life Enrichment Committee at City Hall to address the homeless crisis. Attached is (1.) is the staff report regarding possible future actions and funding for those proposed actions.

link to agenda:

<https://oakland.legistar.com/calendar.aspx>

George Burt VP WOCA
for the Directors of the West Oakland Commerce Association (WOCA)

From: "DeVries, Joe" <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>
To: "jdevries@oaklandnet.com" <jdevries@oaklandnet.com>
Subject: Report on strategies to reduce homelessness

Hello Homeless Advocacy Working Group Members and Subscribers,

Please find attached the Informational Report that will be presented to the City Council Life Enrichment Committee on Tuesday April 25th at 4pm. This thorough report touches on many of the substantive issues the Working Group has been discussing and is something people can align around to advocate for a new path forward. I encourage you to read it and to come to the Life Enrichment Committee to comment on it. The Committee meets in Hearing Room 1 on the first floor of City Hall and this report is Item #7.

If you wish to speak on the item you can either fill out a speaker's card at the meeting before the item is called or a better option is to submit your speaker's card online before the meeting. To submit a card online go to this link: <https://solar.oaklandnet.com/Speaker/form>

Thanks,

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Thank you

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From: Shifra de Benedictis-Kessner <shifra@temescaldistrict.org>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Johnson, Venus
Cc: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Fwd: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland

Venus and Rose,

FYI, please see email chain below about the escalating homeless and drug problems in Temescal. We need city support!! Officer Hutzol is doing his best, but we need the Mayor's leadership in convening a taskforce.

Thanks,
Shifra

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Date: Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 10:39 AM
Subject: Re: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland
To: "Hutzol, Anthony" <AHutzol@oaklandnet.com>
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Doug,

I am very concerned about this escalating issues with homelessness, drug use, trash, and staff feeling threatened. I'll be calling Dan Kalb, Joe Devries and the mayor's office today to get this task force off the ground immediately. Officer Hutzol - Thank you for all your hard work! Let me know how I can best support you.

I do have one question to clarify the 53rd St trash issue. Is the resident of the Section 8 housing, actually the person who is no longer living in the housing, but actually living on that street with the piles of furniture where the street deadends? In the past, CHO staff seemed ok with this man living there. If he has become threatening, let's get him and his piles of things moved. Or do you mean another person currently living in the housing?

In the meantime, I'll make sure our clean ambassadors clean up Zone 3 today, as best as they can. Unfortunately, we are unable to remove large illegal dumping, since we don't have a truck. However, I will report it to the city for cleanup ASAP via see click fix. Perhaps Joe DeVries could make a call, and have it picked up today rather than the normal 3 business days timeframe?

Best,
Shifra

On Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 10:06 AM, Hutzol, Anthony <AHutzol@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

All,

Let me be the first to reply and say that it is unfortunate that this is continuing.

This is a multi-facet email so please allow me to respond in bulleted fashion:

* I will copy all of this to my Caltrans contacts. They are very good about response. One issue I have heard in the field is that there are a number of lawsuits against Caltrans pending including by the ACLU for their clearance of homeless camps. I don't know if that is, or isn't, affecting their ability to clean these camps for the time being.

* This specified Section8/OHA housing on 63rd St is on Beat 11 and is handled by Ofc. C. Lorenz (clorenz@oaklandnet.com). I will loop him into this and we can make a visit to the housing area. Doug, if you would please forward contact info for that individual you mentioned to me, I will make sure we go out there as soon as we can. No problem there. I know Ofc. Lorenz is working on a project involving Dover St. and dumping there so this could very well blend right in.

* I am also still waiting to hear about the task force which we spoke about. The reason why that's so important is that individuals simply move their property from city jurisdiction, approximately 15 feet, to Caltrans. At that time we cannot finish cleaning the material. After PWA's departure the individuals move the items back to where they started. We desperately need a combined effort between us (CRO), PWA, and Caltrans.

* Some good news. I have been working closely w/ the owner of the Arco station at 52/Shattuck. With his cooperation, and my daily visits to the parking lot, panhandling and loitering has been reduced to a bare minimum. There will always be times when I am not at work and able to address the loitering at Arco but I am working on deterrence as much as possible.

We'll get there. It is attainable. It will take more time and a lot of coordination between many gov't assets but the end state for me is a deterrence of panhandling and dumping along 52nd St.

Thank you for your patience Doug...Please know we at OPD are doing everything we can to help alleviate this situation for your patients and your staff at Children's.

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Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 9:47:09 AM

To: Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; DeVries, Joe; Bolotina, Olga

Cc: sparker.sparker.sparker@gmail.com; yanwar24@gmail.com; Chris Ensmann; Doreen Moreno; Richard DeCarlo; Hutzol, Anthony; shifra@temescaldistrict.org

Subject: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland

Good morning,

The issues of vagrancy, trash, panhandling, etc are becoming worse near our hospital and we are looking for help with this issue. Drug use is rampant and the homeless are unpredictable and threatening to anyone who walks by the encampments. Our patients, families, staff, and neighbors are not safe walking past these encampments and we are respectfully requesting help from city staff and Councilmember Kalb to alleviate this issue.

There is a major encampment on Caltrans property, on 52nd St under the onramp. I've reported the issue to Caltrans but I've gotten zero response. Does anyone have a high level contact at Caltrans that may be able to help? The .png file shows the area of concern.

In addition, a resident of the Section 8 housing on 53rd St continues to pile trash in front of and on the front porch of our offices at 665 53rd St (see attached photos). This is highly intimidating and concerning to our staff and we need this trash to be removed. We'd also like an officer to speak directly with the individual regarding this issue. We can provide information regarding the name of the individual separately.

We strive to be a good neighbor to all in this community and this issue threatens not only us but the entire neighborhood. A task force has been discussed in previous emails, I have volunteered to help with a task force in any way that I can, but I've heard of no progress on that initiative.

Please let me know whether you need any additional information or whether I can take any action on my own. We'd like these issues to be resolved as soon as possible, this has been an ongoing problem for over a year now.

Thank you.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 12:46:32 PM

To: Shifra de Benedictis-Kessner; Doug Nelson; Hutzol, Anthony

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Johnson, Venus

From: Johnson, Venus
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 1:18 PM
To: Karchmer, Joanne; Nosakhare, Shereda
Cc: DeVries, Joe
Subject: FW: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland

FYI

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From: Shifra de Benedictis-Kessner [mailto:shifra@temescaldistrict.org]
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Johnson, Venus
Cc: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Fwd: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland

Venus and Rose,

FYI, please see email chain below about the escalating homeless and drug problems in Temescal. We need city support!! Officer Hutzol is doing his best, but we need the Mayor's leadership in convening a taskforce.

Thanks,
Shifra

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Shifra de Benedictis-Kessner** <shifra@temescaldistrict.org>
Date: Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 10:39 AM
Subject: Re: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland
To: "Hutzol, Anthony" <AHutzol@oaklandnet.com>
Cc: Doug Nelson <dnelson@mail.cho.org>, "Cappio, Claudia" <CCappio@oaklandnet.com>, "Kalb, Dan" <DKalb@oaklandnet.com>, "DeVries, Joe" <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>, "Bolotina, Olga" <OBolotina@oaklandnet.com>, "sparker.sparker.sparker@gmail.com" <sparker.sparker.sparker@gmail.com>, "yanwar24@gmail.com" <yanwar24@gmail.com>, Chris Ensmann <CEnsmann@mail.cho.org>, Doreen Moreno <DMoreno@mail.cho.org>, Richard DeCarlo <RDeCarlo@mail.cho.org>

Doug,

I am very concerned about this escalating issues with homelessness, drug use, trash, and staff feeling threatened. I'll be calling Dan Kalb, Joe Devries and the mayor's office today to get this task force off the ground immediately. Officer Hutzol - Thank you for all your hard work! Let me know how I can best support you.

I do have one question to clarify the 53rd St trash issue. Is the resident of the Section 8 housing, actually the person who is no longer living in the housing, but actually living on that street with the piles of furniture where the street deadends? In the past, CHO staff seemed ok with this man living there. If he has become threatening, let's get him and his piles of things moved. Or do you mean another person currently living in the housing?

In the meantime, I'll make sure our clean ambassadors clean up Zone 3 today, as best as they can. Unfortunately, we are unable to remove large illegal dumping, since we don't have a truck. However, I will report it to the city for cleanup ASAP via see click fix. Perhaps Joe DeVries could make a call, and have it picked up today rather than the normal 3 business days timeframe?

Best,
Shifra

On Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 10:06 AM, Hutzol, Anthony <AHutzol@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

All,

Let me be the first to reply and say that it is unfortunate that this is continuing.

This is a multi-facet email so please allow me to respond in bulleted fashion:

- * I will copy all of this to my Caltrans contacts. They are very good about response. One issue I have heard in the field is that there are a number of lawsuits against Caltrans pending including by the ACLU for their clearance of homeless camps. I don't know if that is, or isn't, affecting their ability to clean these camps for the time being.

- * This specified Section8/OHA housing on 63rd St is on Beat 11 and is handled by Ofc. C. Lorenz (clorenz@oaklandnet.com). I will loop him into this and we can make a visit to the housing area. Doug, if you would please forward contact info for that individual you mentioned to me, I will make sure we go out there as soon as we can. No problem there. I know Ofc. Lorenz is working on a project involving Dover St. and dumping there so this could very well blend right in.

- * I am also still waiting to hear about the task force which we spoke about. The reason why that's so important is that individuals simply move their property from city jurisdiction, approximately 15 feet, to Caltrans. At that time we cannot finish cleaning the material. After PWA's departure the individuals move the items back to where they started. We desperately need a combined effort between us (CRO), PWA, and Caltrans.

* Some good news. I have been working closely w/ the owner of the Arco station at 52/Shattuck. With his cooperation, and my daily visits to the parking lot, panhandling and loitering has been reduced to a bare minimum. There will always be times when I am not at work and able to address the loitering at Arco but I am working on deterrence as much as possible.

We'll get there. It is attainable. It will take more time and a lot of coordination between many gov't assets but the end state for me is a deterrence of panhandling and dumping along 52nd St.

Thank you for your patience Doug...Please know we at OPD are doing everything we can to help alleviate this situation for your patients and your staff at Children's.

Respectfully,

Ofc. A. Hutzol 9115

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From: Doug Nelson <dnelson@mail.cho.org>

Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 9:47:09 AM

To: Cappio, Claudia; Kalb, Dan; DeVries, Joe; Bolotina, Olga

Cc: sparker.sparker.sparker@gmail.com; yanwar24@gmail.com; Chris Ensmann; Doreen Moreno; Richard DeCarlo; Hutzol, Anthony; shifra@temescaldistrict.org

Subject: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland

Good morning,

The issues of vagrancy, trash, panhandling, etc are becoming worse near our hospital and we are looking for help with this issue. Drug use is rampant and the homeless are unpredictable and threatening to anyone who walks by the encampments. Our patients, families, staff, and neighbors are not safe walking past these encampments and we are respectfully requesting help from city staff and Councilmember Kalb to alleviate this issue.

There is a major encampment on Caltrans property, on 52nd St under the onramp. I've reported the issue to Caltrans but I've gotten zero response. Does anyone have a high level contact at Caltrans that may be able to help? The .png file shows the area of concern.

In addition, a resident of the Section 8 housing on 53rd St continues to pile trash in front of and on the front porch of our offices at 665 53rd St (see attached photos). This is highly intimidating and concerning to our staff and we need this trash to be removed. We'd also like an officer to speak directly with the individual regarding this issue. We can provide information regarding the name of the individual separately.

We strive to be a good neighbor to all in this community and this issue threatens not only us but the entire neighborhood. A task force has been discussed in previous emails, I have volunteered to help with a task force in any way that I can, but I've heard of no progress on that initiative.

Please let me know whether you need any additional information or whether I can take any action on my own. We'd like these issues to be resolved as soon as possible, this has been an ongoing problem for over a year now.

Thank you.

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>>> Shifra de Benedictis-Kessner <shifra@temescaldistrict.org> 3/23/2017 10:05 AM >>>

Dear Dan and Joe,

Per the email below from the Children's Hospital, a homeless person attacked a Children's Hospital staff member very early this morning and he was arrested. This violence is coming from the one or two encampments in the same place as previous, on 52nd St, east of Dover and west of Shattuck. It's become a very dangerous situation for staff, patients, and visitors.

Officer Hutzol has been doing a great job. However, the city policy of allowing homeless encampments to linger near vulnerable children, families and hospital, is becoming untenable. This is clearly dangerous, as well as a lawsuit and publicity scandal for the city - just waiting to happen.

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Best,
Shifra

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From: **Doug Nelson** <dnelson@mail.cho.org>

Date: Thu, Mar 23, 2017 at 8:51 AM

Subject: Re: update

To: sparker.sparker@gmail.com, AHutzol@oaklandnet.com, shifra@temescaldistrict.org

FYI we had a homeless person attack a staff member very early this morning and he was arrested. We have one or two encampments in the same place as previous, on 52nd St, east of Dover and west of Shattuck. I'll submit another online complaint, but now that it's gotten to the point where homeless are attacking our staff we need to start pushing harder for clearances. It's become a very dangerous situation for staff, patients, and visitors.

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From: Lauren Westreich <lauren@everydog.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 5:07 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; Schaaf, Libby; Johnson, Venus; Hunt, Michael; Reid, Larry; Campbell Washington, Annie; Simons, Adam J.; McElhaney, Lynette; Marqusee, Alexander G.; Wald, Zachary; Cook, Brigitte; Kaplan, Rebecca; Davenport, Kevin; Thao, Sheng; Kalb, Dan; Guillen, Abel; Gallo, Noel; Brooks, Desley; Landreth, Sabrina; Cappio, Claudia; DeVries, Joe; Bedford, Sara; Seal, Zach; Jackson, Tyree A; Foster, Frank; Moore, Leland; Kirkpatrick, Anne; Armstrong, Leronne; Allison, Darren; Hookfin, Bobby; Millington, Sekou; Kim, Sammy J; Gallinatti, Robert; Templeman, Karl
Cc: Michael Herling; George Burt
Subject: Encampments - West Oakland Business Alert
Attachments: Addressing Encampments in Oakland.doc

Dear Mayor and City Leaders:

We at West Oakland Business Alert are attaching a proposal to address the growing problems at encampments for your consideration. We look forward to continuing to engage with all of you as we work to ensure the health and safety of everyone in Oakland.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lauren Westreich for Michael Herling, Chair, West Oakland Business Alert

Addressing the Growing Problem of Encampments in Oakland

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 - g. No stealing or selling of stolen property
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 - i. No urination/defecation in the street/storm drains (assuming port-a-potties are available)

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4. Post a large sign delineating the “Social Contract” rules above and noting the date when the encampment will be abated at each location.

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We further expect that the City of Oakland along with the County of Alameda and other agencies will provide and regularly service:

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2. Potable water
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4. Garbage containers with regular and frequent pick up
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Johnson, Venus

From: George Burt <grant_burt@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Johnson, Venus
Subject: Agenda & Notice West Oakland Business Alert meeting Wednesday, August 16th, 2017 from 3 - 5 p.m. at SF Enterprises Conference Room 2525 Mandela Parkway Wednesday, July 19th, 2017 from 3 - 5 p.m. at SF Enterprises Conference Room 2525 Mandela Parkway
Attachments: Final 8_16_17 WO Biz Alert Agenda.doc; Final 8_16_17 WO Biz Alert Agenda.pdf; Final Sent Addressing Encampments in Oakland.pdf

To the West Oakland Businesses and Participants of West Oakland Business Alert

This month's West Oakland Business Alert meeting is in two days, Wednesday, August 16th, 2017 from 3 - 5 p.m. at SF Enterprises Conference Room 2525 Mandela Parkway

(1.) The Agenda (in pdf and word format) is attached for a total of 2 attachments.

(2.) Also attached (in pdf format) is the West Oakland Business Alert letter sent to the Mayor and City Leaders

Entitled "Proposal to address the growing problems at Encampments" .

Excerpts from the letter:

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We hope that you plan on attending, it is important to continue our goals:

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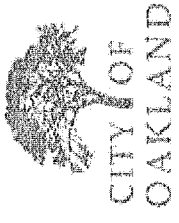
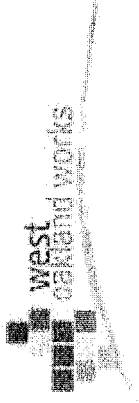
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August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, *December 20 (as needed)

Attachments: 3 documents: Agenda in word and pdf and pdf of letter to Mayor and City Leaders

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Meeting Agenda West Oakland Business Alert
Wednesday, August 16th, 2017, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SF Enterprises Conference Room, 2525 Mandela Parkway, Oakland
Large Conference Room - park on street & enter warehouse

Priority Meeting Outcome: Discuss Goals for 2017 and determine primary focus and best next steps.

Topic	Who	Time	Outcome	ACTION STEPS
Welcome and Introductions	All	3:00-3:05		
Safety & Security Possible 2017 Priorities: 1) Traffic Safety on Mandela 2) Illegal activity on Wood St 3) Illegal parking – RV's, semi trailers, etc.	Invited: Officer Robert Gallianatti (City OPD)	3:05-3:20	Receive updates on current issues. Question, who is replacing Officer Fajardo as PSO for our area?	
Illegal Dumping 2017 Priorities: 1) Choose top problem sites/ agree on best practices for pick-up/abatement 2) Track surveillance camera program/determine best strategies	Invited: Leland Moore (City PWA)	3:20-4:00	Receive updates on current issues: 1) Frequency of Removal of Illegal dumping at/near encampments 2) Details on Hazmat removal 3) Surveillance Camera Program 4) Reports of rodent population increase	

<p>2017 Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Street infrastructure improvements • Caltrans land-uses for economic development purposes • Railroad collaboration 	<p>Invited: Zach Seal Joe DeVries</p>	<p>4:00-4:15</p>	<p>1) Caltrans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • updates on under freeway parcels • auction of Phoenix Ironworks Site – September 7, 2017 <p>2) Wood Street – Measure KK funding priorities</p> <p>3) Wood Street utility pole relocation</p> <p>4) Abandoned Rail Removal on Wood St.</p>	
<p>Homeless update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Street encampment management • Upper Peralta / Magnolia Sts • Brush Castro / 5th, 6th & 7th Streets 	<p>Invited: Joe DeVries</p>	<p>4:15-4:50</p>	<p>Responses to letter to City - “<i>Addressing the Growing Problem of Encampments in Oakland</i>”</p> <p>Final City Budget 2017-18 priorities – encampments.</p> <p>Receive update on Wood St Health and Safety Project.</p> <p>Under Maze Project website – discussion of how it can be best utilized/changes.</p> <p>Continued update on eviction of homeless trespassers on private parcel(s) on west side of Wood St.</p> <p>Blight and Code Compliance issues near Trapeze Arts.</p> <p>Report of activities of the Regional Group (task force?) – EveryOne Home.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Business, discussion of next month’s meeting agenda & close of meeting 	<p>All in attendance</p>	<p>4:50-5:00</p>		

10 Barriers to Economic Development and Business Retention in Oakland

1. An extremely substandard public infrastructure
2. Abandoned rail lines in the middle of the streets (with large impassable potholes)
3. Excessive Crime of all types, need for improved means of response, communication, reporting and prosecution.
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City of Oakland Frequently Called Numbers and Websites

OPD Community Resource Officers Current Roster:

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/police/documents/webcontent/oak026568.pdf>

Oakland Police Department

- Emergency 911
- Non-Emergency (510) 777-3333
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Crime Prevention Information & MORE www.oaklandpolice.com

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777-8538

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777-8673

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535-5603 / 777-3333

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238-3099

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Public Works Agency

615-5566

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From: George Burt <grant_burt@earthlink.net>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 1:44 PM
To: Johnson, Venus
Subject: Agenda & Notice West Oakland Business Alert meeting Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 from 3 - 5 p.m. at SF Enterprises Conference Room 2525 Mandela Parkway
Wednesday, July 19th, 2017 from 3 - 5 p.m. at SF Enterprises Conference Room 2525 Mandela Parkway
Attachments: Final 9_20_17 WO Biz Alert Agenda.doc; Final 9_20_17 WO Biz Alert Agenda.pdf; Final Sent Addressing Encampments in Oakland copy.pdf; LA Times - After 15 die in hepatitis outbreak, San Diego begins sanitary street washing.pdf

To the West Oakland Businesses and Participants of West Oakland Business Alert

This month's West Oakland Business Alert meeting is in two days, Wednesday, September 20th, 2017 from 3 - 5 p.m. at SF Enterprises Conference Room 2525 Mandela Parkway

(1.) The Agenda (in pdf and word format) is attached for a total of 2 attachments.

(2.) Also attached (in pdf format) is the West Oakland Business Alert letter sent to the Mayor and City Leaders, approved letter July 19th, 2017

Entitled "Proposal to address the growing problems at Encampments" .

Excerpts from the letter:

In order to protect the health and safety of everyone, we propose that the City of Oakland establish rules and guidelines under which the encampments can operate.

Lastly, we ask that the encampment on Wood Street be fully abated immediately. The businesses and residents in the area have been asked to bear the burden of a completely out of control and unsafe environment for way too long.

(3.) Pdf copy of Article: "After 15 die in hepatitis outbreak, San Diego begins sanitary street washing"

We hope that you plan on attending, it is important to continue our goals:

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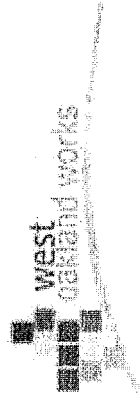
PLEASE POST ON YOUR CALENDAR West Oakland Business Alert meeting schedule for 2017

West Oakland Business Alert meetings will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting time is 3 p.m. (exception are dates marked *):

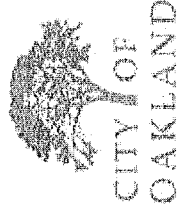
September 20, October 18, November 15, *December 20 (as needed)

Attachments: 4 documents: Agenda in word and pdf, pdf of letter to Mayor and City Leaders and pdf of Article: "After 15 die in hepatitis outbreak, San Diego begins sanitary street washing"

George Burtt for Michael Herling Chair, West Oakland Business Alert
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Michael Herling, Chair West Oakland Business Alert • michael@locallyreal.com • 510-499-9785



Meeting Agenda West Oakland Business Alert

Wednesday, September 20th, 2017, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
SF Enterprises Conference Room, 2525 Mandela Parkway, Oakland
Large Conference Room - park on street & enter warehouse

Priority Meeting Outcome: Discuss Goals for 2017 and determine primary focus and best next steps.

Topic	Who	Time	Outcome	ACTION STEPS
Welcome and Introductions	All	3:00-3:05		
Safety & Security Possible 2017 Priorities: 1) Traffic Safety on Mandela 2) Illegal activity on Wood St 3) Illegal parking – RV's, semi trailers, etc. 4) Form & Reform 2601 Adeline St – lack of Police response during break in at business 5) Crime issues around 32nd Street, Magnolia, Adeline, Mandela and points West	Invited: Officer Robert Gallianatti (City OPD)	3:05-3:20	Receive updates on current issues. Question, who is replacing Officer Fajardo as PSO for our area?	
Illegal Dumping 2017 Priorities: 1) Choose top problem sites/ agree on best practices for pick-up/abatement 2) Track surveillance camera program/determine best strategies	Invited: Leland Moore (City PWA)	3:20-4:00	Receive updates on current issues: 1) Frequency of Removal of Illegal dumping at/near encampments 2) Details on Hazmat removal 3) Surveillance Camera Program	

3) Discussion of action taken at Public Works Committee Sept 12, Informational Report Update on Current Status Illegal Dumping Efforts Emery Go Round				4) Reports of rodent population increase	
2017 Priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Street infrastructure improvements • Caltrans land-uses for economic development purposes • Railroad collaboration • Apply to be on The Affordable Housing & Infrastructure (Measure KK) Public Oversight Committee 	Invited: Zach Wald Invited: Zach Seal Joe DeVries	4:00-4:15	discuss their plans and get input 1) Caltrans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • updates on under freeway parcels • auction of Phoenix Ironworks Site – September 7, 2017 – winning bid Holliday Development 2) Wood Street – Measure KK funding priorities 3) Wood Street utility pole relocation 4) Abandoned Rail Removal on Wood St.		
Homeless update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Street encampment management • Upper Peralta / Magnolia Sts • Brush Castro / 5th, 6th & 7th Streets • Sept 26th at the Life Enrichment Committee discussion to designate publicly owned sites to create better alternatives for the homeless with support and services. • Article: After 15 die in hepatitis outbreak, San Diego begins sanitary street washing 	Invited: Joe DeVries	4:15-4:50	Responses to letter to City - <i>“Addressing the Growing Problem of Encampments in Oakland”</i> Article: After 15 die in hepatitis outbreak, San Diego begins sanitary street washing Link: http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-hepatitis-san-diego-20170911-story.html Receive update on Wood St Health and Safety Project. Under Maze Project website – discussion of how it can be best utilized/changes. Blight and Code Compliance issues near Trapeze Arts.		

			Report of activities of the Regional Group (task force?) – EveryOne Home.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Business, discussion of next month's meeting agenda & close of meeting 	All in attendance	4:50-5:00		

10 Barriers to Economic Development and Business Retention in Oakland

1. An extremely substandard public infrastructure
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3. Excessive Crime of all types, need for improved means of response, communication, reporting and prosecution.
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5. Massive amounts of graffiti on public and private property
6. Weeds and debris on public and private property
7. Homeless encampments
8. Excessive blight of all types, need improved means of response, communication, reporting and prosecution from city
9. Lack of immediate removal of hazardous material on public streets and sidewalks causing environmental damage.
10. Insufficient public access to local transit and subsequent negative effect on commerce, business expansion and job creation

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City of Oakland Frequently Called Numbers and Websites

OPD Community Resource Officers Current Roster:

<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca1/groups/police/documents/webcontent/oak026568.pdf>

Oakland Police Department

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Crime Prevention Information & MORE

www.oaklandpolice.com

Abandoned Vehicle – on the street

777-8622

Or email abandonedauto@oaklandnet.com

Oakland Housing Authority, Brian Quon
bquon@oakha.org

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To: Karchmer, Joanne
Subject: Fwd: 729 45th Avenue

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: November 15, 2017 at 12:38:38 PM PST
To: "Joshi, Nishant" <NJoshi@oaklandnet.com>, "Arotzarena, Dominique" <DArotzarena@oaklandnet.com>
Cc: "Armstrong, Leronne" <LArmstrong@oaklandnet.com>, "Watson, Johnna A." <JAWatson@oaklandnet.com>, "Bedford, Sara" <SBedford@oaklandnet.com>, "Cappio, Claudia" <CCappio@oaklandnet.com>, "Berton, Justin" <JBerton@oaklandnet.com>, "DeVries, Joe" <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>, "Nosakhare, Shereda" <SNosakhare@oaklandnet.com>, "Hunt, Michael" <MHunt@oaklandnet.com>
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From: Arotzarena, Dominique
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Johnson, Venus
Cc: Joshi, Nishant; Armstrong, Leronne; Watson, Johnna A.; Bedford, Sara; Cappio, Claudia; Berton, Justin; DeVries, Joe; Nosakhare, Shereda; Hunt, Michael
Subject: Re: 729 45th Avenue

All,
I will handle this with CHP. I have been in contact with the CHP Captain of the area. We are going to develop a plan to deal with the aforementioned issues.

Dom Arotzarena
Acting Captain
Area 4

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Carthan, Brian; Jones, Sabrina D.; Mitchell, Jason; Nosakhare, Shereda; Daniel, Christine
Cc: Kattchee, Susan; Foster, Frank; Oakland Call Center
Subject: Re: 729 45th Avenue

Thank you everyone.

Venus D. Johnson

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Thank you..

Brian Carthan
Sent from my BlackBerry PRIV

From: sdjones@oaklandnet.com
Sent: November 29, 2017 9:45 AM
To: JWMitchell@oaklandnet.com; SNosakhare@oaklandnet.com; CDaniel@oaklandnet.com
Cc: skattchee@oaklandnet.com; VJohnson3@oaklandnet.com; ffoster@oaklandnet.com; opwcallcenter@oaklandnet.com; BCarthan@oaklandnet.com
Subject: RE: 729 45th Avenue

Good morning, all:

A service request was recently issued yesterday to KOCB and Advance Restoration (bio hazardous contractor) for additional clean up.

Respectfully,

SABRINA D. JONES – Call Center Manager

7101 Edgewater Drive, Building Two | Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 615-5566 | (510) 615-5554 Fax
sdjones@oaklandnet.com

From: Mitchell, Jason
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Nosakhare, Shereda <SNosakhare@oaklandnet.com>; Daniel, Christine <CDaniel@oaklandnet.com>

Cc: Kattchee, Susan <skattchee@oaklandnet.com>; Johnson, Venus <VJohnson3@oaklandnet.com>; Jones, Sabrina D. <sdjones@oaklandnet.com>; Foster, Frank <ffoster@oaklandnet.com>; Oakland Call Center <opwcallcenter@oaklandnet.com>; Carthan, Brian <BCarthan@oaklandnet.com>

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Thanks Shereda for the email. I have added Sabrina and the Call Center to this email for follow-up. Jason

From: Nosakhare, Shereda

Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 5:01 PM

To: Daniel, Christine <CDaniel@oaklandnet.com>; Mitchell, Jason <JWMitchell@oaklandnet.com>

Cc: Kattchee, Susan <skattchee@oaklandnet.com>; Johnson, Venus <VJohnson3@oaklandnet.com>

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Importance: High

Hi Jason,

Please see the concern below and advise when clean up can occur.

Best,
Shereda

Shereda Nosakhare

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Karchmer, Joanne

From: Doreen Moreno <DMoreno@mail.cho.org>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 1:39 PM
To: Karchmer, Joanne
Cc: Doug Nelson; Jerry Johnson; Kendall Lappe
Subject: RE: Meeting with City of Oakland
Attachments: JPEG.jpeg; JPEG.jpeg

Joanne:

Thank you for your flexibility in trying to find a mutually agreeable meeting date. On our end, Tuesday, 2/6 at 11:00am – 12:00 noon works best for our staff. We'll hold this date on our calendars until we hear back from you.

Kendall: Can you check if the Bertha Wright or OPC Boardroom is available on this date/time?

Thank you.

~Doreen

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>>> "Karchmer, Joanne" <JKarchmer@oaklandnet.com> 1/11/2018 10:33 AM >>>
Do any of these dates work?

Tuesday, 2/6 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Wednesday, 2/7 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Thursday, 2/8 at 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

From: Doreen Moreno [mailto:DMoreno@mail.cho.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 3:03 PM
To: Karchmer, Joanne <JKarchmer@oaklandnet.com>
Cc: Doug Nelson <DNelson@mail.cho.org>; Jerry Johnson <JeJohnson@mail.cho.org>; Kendall Lappe

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Joanne:

Unfortunately Feb. 1, 1-2pm is not doable on our end. Pls propose 2-3 dates that work for City staff and we'll do our best to try and confirm one of those dates. Please copy Kendall Lappe and Jerry Johnson on your response since they handle the schedules of the hospital staff who will be participating in this meeting.

Thank you.

~Doreen

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>>> "Karchmer, Joanne" <JKarchmer@oaklandnet.com> 1/10/2018 1:59 PM >>>

Doreen,

Unfortunately those times don't work for City staff. Would your team be available on Thursday, 2/1/18 at 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.?

Joanne

From: Doreen Moreno [<mailto:DMoreno@mail.cho.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 4:56 PM

To: Karchmer, Joanne <JKarchmer@oaklandnet.com>

Cc: Chris Ensmann <CEnsmann@mail.cho.org>; Doug Nelson <DNelson@mail.cho.org>; Kendall Lappe

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Subject: Re: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland and surrounding area

Hi Joanne:

I wanted to get back to you with a few meeting options. Once you confirm a date, I'll get back to you with a meeting location at the hospital.

Friday, Jan. 19, 3:00-4:00pm

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 10:00-11:00am

Thursday, Feb. 1 9:00-10:00am

Hospital staff who will participate in this meeting are below. We are also hoping to invite the Alameda Co. Deputy assigned to the hospital. If possible, it would be great to include the OPD officer who patrols this area.

1. Nancy Shibata, Senior Vice President of Operations
2. Doug Nelson, VP Development, Construction & Real Estate Services
3. Chris Ensmann, Executive Director of Support Services
4. Doreen Moreno, Director, Government & Community Relations

In addition to Shifra, Exec. Director of the TBID, pls let me know if you feel we should invite someone from Alameda Co. Behavioral Health.

Regards,

~Doreen

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>>> "Karchmer, Joanne" <JKarchmer@oaklandnet.com> 1/3/2018 7:23 PM >>>

We will coordinate CalTrans participants. Thanks.

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From: Doreen Moreno <DMoreno@mail.cho.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 6:10:50 PM
To: Karchmer, Joanne
Cc: Doug Nelson; Shifra de Benedictis-Kessner
Subject: Re: FW: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland and surrounding area

Joanne:

Happy New Year!

Your timing is perfect! I met with Doug Nelson this morning to discuss this meeting. We talked about which key participants and departments/agencies should be invited to make this a productive meeting and discussed the primary issues that need attention to help us make significant progress on these issues. We identified the following key issues: homelessness, public safety, behavioral health services and clean-up services.

We also identified which BCHO staff need to attend this meeting, so we'll work on getting a few meeting dates as options and will forward those to you so you can coordinate with City staff on your end.

We appreciate your help and I'll be in touch soon!

Shifra: CalTrans is one of the agencies that will be invited to this meeting. Does anyone have the name of a key contact there?

~Doreen

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>>> "Karchmer, Joanne" <JKarchmer@oaklandnet.com> 1/3/2018 4:45 PM >>>

Doreen,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays.

Would you please propose a few dates that work for you, Doug and any other necessary participants from CHO? I will then get agreement from our staff on when we can meet.

Thanks,

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From: Shifra de Benedictis-Kessner [<mailto:shifra@temescaldistrict.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 3:36 PM

To: Karchmer, Joanne <JKarchmer@oaklandnet.com>

Cc: Doug Nelson <dnelson@mail.cho.org>; Doreen Moreno <DMoreno@mail.cho.org>; Daniel, Christine <CDaniel@oaklandnet.com>; DeVries, Joe <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>; Mac, David <DMac@oaklandnet.com>

Subject: Re: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland and surrounding area

Dear Joanne and CHO team,

I'm very much looking forward to our meeting in early January re homeless, trash and violence around the Children's Hospital Oakland. Do we have any dates?

Just a reminder to everyone on this thread, the transient under the freeway is causing a lot of quality of life issues (hygiene and trash especially). This seems like it would be an easy fix to install a fence. Who would be the person at Caltrans to talk to about this? My understanding is that Caltrans has installed fences at other underpass areas to deter camping. Is there a way we can get a fence installed at this location? Please see this recent See Click Fix work order that was reported today by a passerby:

https://seeclickfix.com/issues/3997493?poi_token=20e14e1007e9661d96d81142c40e157a1b0d4f1f&utm_campaign=poi-notice-email&utm_content=issue-card-header&utm_medium=email&utm_source=poi-email&utm_term=issue-image

Thanks,
Shifra

On Fri, Dec 22, 2017 at 10:59 AM, Karchmer, Joanne <JKarchmer@oaklandnet.com> wrote:

| Dear Doug,

Thanks for informing us about the current situation. I drive by there often and hadn't noticed a dramatic difference or recurrence since the summer months when it had improved.

I am concerned about the Dec. 11 incident and the others like it. I'm glad your Deputy Sheriff was able to take action that day. As I've mentioned in the past, incidents when patients, visitors or staff feel threatened by someone on the street should all be reported to OPD. It is important that we have a means to track these types of calls for service in a particular area.

All that being said, I don't think we need another walk-through, as Joe and I are very familiar with that area. What I suggest instead is that we set up a meeting in early January to discuss some ways that the City and the hospital could partner to hopefully work toward a longer-term plan to reduce and/or resolve some of these recurring issues near the hospital.

I'll work with Doreen to coordinate a meeting in early January. I'm happy to come to the hospital and will work to ensure that the appropriate City staff are available to attend with me.

Kind regards,
Joanne Karchmer

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From: Daniel, Christine <cdaniel@oaklandnet.com>

From: Shifra de Benedictis-Kessner [<mailto:shifra@temescaldistrict.org>]

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 2:39 PM

To: Doug Nelson <dnelson@mail.cho.org>

Cc: Polintan, Manuel U@DOT <manuel.polintan@dot.ca.gov>; Susan Parker <[REDACTED]>; Yasmin Anwar <yanwar24@gmail.com>; Chris Ensmann <CEnsmann@mail.cho.org>; Doreen Moreno <DMoreno@mail.cho.org>; Mark Gaul <MGaul@mail.cho.org>; Nancy Shibata <NShibata@mail.cho.org>; Hutzol, Anthony <AHutzol@oaklandnet.com>; Cappio, Claudia <CCappio@oaklandnet.com>; Kalb, Dan <DKalb@oaklandnet.com>; Corona, Jose E. <JCorona@oaklandnet.com>; DeVries, Joe <JDeVries@oaklandnet.com>; Schaaf, Libby <LSchaaf@oaklandnet.com>; Bolotina, Olga <OBolotina@oaklandnet.com>; Landreth, Sabrina <SLandreth@oaklandnet.com>; Michael Anderson <Michael.Anderson@ucsf.edu>; Robert.Fries@ucsf.edu; Keith Carter - BBB <kcarter@blockbyblock.com>; Mac, David <DMac@oaklandnet.com>; Macedo, Edgar <EMacedo@oaklandnet.com>

Subject: Re: More vagrants and trash near Children's Hospital Oakland and surrounding area

Doug,

This is unacceptable that the trash and safety are such reoccurring issues for the area surrounding CHO. I think we need another meeting and walkthrough with BART, Caltrans, Public Works and OPD. Would folks be available for an early January walkthrough and meeting? I'd like some long-term solutions to this problem, so that we stop having assaults every six months or so.

In the meantime, the BID has holiday security, and we are patrolling that area every night, Thursday - Sunday, until January 1st. Their hours are 4pm-12:30am, and their number is 510-295-9131. CHO Patients and staff are welcome to call for escorts to their car, suspicious activity, homeless assistance and more.

Our cleaning team cleans the area twice a week. If you see lots of trash on the sidewalk and/or illegal dumping, especially in between our cleaning days, please feel free to call our Operations Manager, Keith Carter, at [REDACTED]

Officer David Mac is the CRO for Temescal. Officer Mac, can you let us know what you are doing to address the homeless individuals and trash problem within 500 feet of Children's Hospital Oakland?

Best,
Shifra

On Fri, Dec 15, 2017 at 12:17 PM, Doug Nelson <dnelson@mail.cho.org> wrote:

Hello, we are again seeing a major increase in trash and homelessness near our hospital and surrounding neighborhood. There are three areas of major concern for us:

1. On December 11 around lunchtime, a homeless person was brandishing a knife on 52nd St near the hospital, alarming staff and visitors. Our on-duty Deputy Sheriff made an arrest and the suspect was booked into Alameda County jail for the offense. We continue to see erratic and threatening behavior from some of the homeless near the hospital and it is contributing to a safety issue for patients, visitors, and neighbors. This is the same situation we experienced in May of this year (please see below).
2. We've seen an influx of homelessness and trash back to the same area as in May, on 52nd St under the 24 onramp. This has proven to be a difficult area to clear, and it remained clear for about two months over the summer. Visitors, staff, and neighbors walk through this area on their way to Telegraph, Shattuck, or back to the hospital, and it's become a threatening and intimidating environment.
3. Our General Contracting is leasing parking space at the intersection of 54th and Shattuck, and they've fenced in the area. The GC is attempting to keep their parking area free of trash but there has been an increase of homelessness in that area as well, and our neighbors are seeing more and more trash along the street and in their yards. We are doing our best to resolve the trash issue but we can't maintain the entire street.

Please let me know what may be done on these issues. A cleanup on 52nd and 54th would be a great start, and relocation of the homeless would lower the stress level for visitors, staff, and neighbors. Thank you for your attention to these issues, they are of major importance to us.

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>>> Shifra de Benedictis-Kessner <shifra@temescaldistrict.org> 05/02/17 11:21 AM >>>

Dear Doug,

I talked with Joanne from the Mayor's office today.

Per Joanne, they have an internal meeting with City administrators office, Mayor's office, and police this Friday. The mayor is outlining specific mitigation plans to remedy the growing encampment situation in Oakland. They will discuss the draft plans this Friday, and hopefully choose one to go with.

In addition, Joanne and I have a walkthrough scheduled for next Monday at 2pm. Doug - if you would like to join us, I think that would be helpful.

Thanks,
Shifra

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 10:26 AM, Doug Nelson <dnelson@mail.cho.org> wrote:

Good morning, I'm sending out this followup to my April email and broadening the distribution to include Mayor Schaff and City Administrator Landreth. We continue to have vagrancy, trash, panhandling, and drug use on and around our hospital property and we haven't heard of any initiative or plan to remedy the situation. This has been an issue for well over a year now.

A vagrant attacked one of our employees on March 23. Parents, patients, and neighbors have to walk past encampments and discarded needles. Trash is piled on City of Oakland, Caltrans, and Benioff Children's property. All of this is resulting in a threatening environment for all involved.

Officer Hutzol has been exemplary in responding and rectifying issues within his purview but we've gotten no traction elsewhere. We've heard rumors that a task force may be put in place to deal with the gray areas of responsibility between the City of Oakland and Caltrans but I've not heard of any formal plan or action.

Can I please get an update on what may be done? This is more than a nuisance, this is a safety issue for our patients, visitors, and neighbors.

Thank you.

Good morning,

The issues of vagrancy, trash, panhandling, etc are becoming worse near our hospital and we are looking for help with this issue. Drug use is rampant and the homeless are unpredictable and threatening to anyone who walks by the encampments. Our patients, families, staff, and neighbors are not safe walking past these encampments and we are respectfully requesting help from city staff and Councilmember Kalb to alleviate this issue.

There is a major encampment on Caltrans property, on 52nd St under the onramp. I've reported the issue to Caltrans but I've gotten zero response. Does anyone have a high level contact at Caltrans that may be able to help? The .png file shows the area of concern.

In addition, a resident of the Section 8 housing on 53rd St continues to pile trash in front of and on the front porch of our offices at 665 53rd St (see attached photos). This is highly intimidating and concerning to our staff and we need this trash to be removed. We'd also like an officer to speak directly with the individual regarding this issue. We can provide information regarding the name of the individual separately.

We strive to be a good neighbor to all in this community and this issue threatens not only us but the entire neighborhood. A task force has been discussed in previous emails, I have volunteered to help with a task force in any way that I can, but I've heard of no progress on that initiative.

Please let me know whether you need any additional information or whether I can take any action on my own. We'd like these issues to be resolved as soon as possible, this has been an ongoing problem for over a year now.

Thank you.

Doug Nelson, MBA