



OAKLAND RISING ACTION 2022 PROGRESSIVE VOTER GUIDE



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VOTE THIS GENERAL ELECTION

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This election is our opportunity to increase our progressive power on City Council and usher in a progressive mayor who will prioritize the hardworking people of Oakland instead of developers, corporations, police, and billionaires trying to privatize our schools. We need to join together to hold our elected officials accountable so we can all thrive. Oakland Rising Action is a political organization comprised of organizers and activists who build power in our communities. We support candidates and issues that drive a progressive agenda rooted in the lived experiences of working-class residents, immigrants, formerly-incarcerated neighbors, and communities of color. We work to advance people, policies, and budgets that fight for racial, economic, and environmental justice by building electoral power and voice for those community members who have been targeted to be left out of the electoral system. In 2022, bold people of color and women are stepping up to run for office here in Oakland and in Alameda County. Our voter guide shares important information about your voting rights and how to exercise them, and the candidates and measures that can have lasting impact.

Oakland Rising Action Steering Committee

CURRENT CAMPAIGNS

FAIR ELECTIONS

Vote YES on W!



The Fair Elections Oakland Act will give Oaklanders the opportunity to elect local candidates that prioritize the real needs of our communities. It will create a process of transparency that allows us to hold our elected officials and government accountable to us and help us build an equitable democracy that truly works for all of us. It's time our representatives rep us.

INVEST IN OUR OAKLAND

Vote YES on T!

The Invest in Our Oakland Act will provide relief for residents and local business owners who have been heavily impacted by the pandemic. By creating an equitable tax rate and modernizing Oakland's business structure, we can reduce taxes for small and medium sized businesses while making large wealthy corporations pay their fair share of taxes that reflects their large gross profits. It is expected to generate over \$20 million every year for Oakland's general fund that we can use to address years of lack of investment in housing, high quality jobs, education, public safety, road and sidewalk maintenance, and bike lanes.



PROGRESSIVE REPRESENTATION FOR OUR TOWN

NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

City Councilmember District 2

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Serving as the current Council President, Bas brings the expertise and experience to tackle the tough challenges that face Oakland. Her vision of bold, progressive leadership that creates an Oakland for everyone is aligned with Oakland Rising Action's values. For over two decades, Bas worked steadily as an advocate for working people, leading the passage of policies in Oakland to create the building blocks for regional, state, and national change. We deserve leaders who will provide efficient responses to both constituent concerns and the larger systemic problems - and Bas has the track record of doing so. This is why we enthusiastically support her re-election.

If you live in Chinatown, City Center, Civic Center, East Peralta, Embarcadero, Grand Lake, Highland Park, Lakeshore, Merritt, San Antonio, Trestle Glen, and more.



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JANANI RAMACHANDRAN

City Councilmember District 4

Since Ramachandran's original run for Assembly, she never stopped canvassing and building relationships with District 4 (D4) constituents, proving her commitment to uniting neighbors around a progressive agenda. The role of the D4 council-member is to invite those who are less systems-impacted residing in the hills to join our progressive movement to build an Oakland for all. Ramachandran has begun to build stronger relationships with community and social justice organizations, labor, and other progressive leaders and efforts in Oakland, and we hope she will continue to deepen her policy making with the progressive movement.

If you live in Dimond District, Fairfax, Fremont, Lower Dimond, Upper Rockridge, Montclair, Peralta Hacienda, Piedmont, Redwood Heights, The Laurel District, Upper Dimond, Upper Laurel, and more.

KEVIN JENKINS

City Councilmember District 6

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Jenkins is a native of Oakland and grew up renting all his life in District 6 (D6). He will push for economic investment in D6 which has historically been underfunded and under-invested in -- it is one of the districts with the least amount of economic driving force and growth, lacking banks, pharmacies, groceries stores and other basic services. Jenkins reimagines a district in which families can walk down the beautified streets and feel safe to dine at local restaurants and shop at the small businesses. We hope that once elected, we can work closely together to co-govern with Jenkins

as he grows into his position, builds strong working relationships with his fellow councilmembers, and helps develop budget priorities that lift up alternatives to public safety and reinvest from heavy police budgets to community programs and services in D6.

If you live in Coliseum, Eastmont, Fairfax, Fremont, Havenscourt, Melrose, Mills, Seminary, Webster and more.



LEADERS TO TRUST WITH OUR CHILDREN

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 2

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MAX OROZCO*

Orozco is a seasoned and passionate parent organizer from our ally organization, Parent Voices Oakland, and is a working-class parent of children attending OUSD public schools. He promises to work with parents, students, and teachers to bring back programs that aid students in succeeding including: computer, art, and music classes; bilingual programs for all students, and trade programs for high school students. As a parent of OUSD students, he is very passionate about restorative justice and finding alternate solutions to violence instead of sending kids down the school-to-prison pipeline.

JENNIFER BROUHARD*

Brouhard just retired as a social studies teacher after teaching for 27 years in OUSD. Brouhard participated in the union bargaining unit to win improved wages for teachers, and also participated in statewide strikes to end school closures and get police out of schools. Her priorities are to: end school closures, implement Reparations for Black Students, ensure the budget is transparent and clear to all, and repair the broken trust between the school board and voters.



OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 4

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PECOLIA MANIGO*

Manigo is a leader with the Reparations for Black Students campaign which is at the forefront of stopping school closures, getting police out of schools, and pushing a platform in support of reimagining public education for Black students. As someone who has been at the lead of advocating for families, she knows the school district's history and context, and has concrete solutions to the issues that plague OUSD. She is a mother of three OUSD students, one of whom successfully graduated and is now in college.

MIKE HUTCHINSON*

Hutchinson is a huge and unwavering advocate for Oakland schools - he shows up where he's needed and pushes hard on other school board directors and the administration. Hutchinson currently serves as OUSD School Board Director of District 5, but due to redistricting he now lives in D4 and is running for the D4 seat. We hope that Hutchinson will continue to build bridges with everyone at the table, and with a more progressive school board of directors that we will hopefully elect this year, to co-conspire for a strong transparent budget and against school closures.



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JOEL VELASQUEZ*

Velasquez is a long-time organizer and community advocate for students and parents of OUSD. As a national advocate for public education, he knows that what's happening in Oakland is not unique to this Town. As a parent of three OUSD students, he believes it's a pivotal moment in Oakland right now where we can take control of the school board away from privatizers and back into the hands of parents and those who are invested in our public schools.

VALARIE BACHELOR*

Bachelor is a teacher union organizer, and the Lead Organizer at California Federation of Teachers where she has fought for teachers, workers, and paraprofessionals in the school district since 2016. We invite Bachelor to co-conspire with her progressive school board colleagues to become a strong advocate for police-free schools and investment in violence prevention programs with a focus on restorative justice.



COUNTYWIDE LEADERSHIP



PAMELA PRICE

Alameda County District Attorney

By supporting Pamela Price, the majority of voters in the June Primary showed that they are tired of 'law and order' candidates, and the establishment's addiction to incarceration. Price's outspoken leadership in support of alternatives to incarceration - resulting in more conversations about diversion programs, ending the practice of charging youth as adults, and investing in community. As a courageous civil rights attorney and political activist working to advance the cause of justice, Price has a demonstrated track record of supporting progressive reform and fighting for fair, compassionate, and racial and gender justice. She has spent most of her legal career fighting for justice on behalf of women, workers, low-income people, and communities of color, even arguing successfully before the United States Supreme Court.

REBECCA KAPLAN

Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 3

There's a big opportunity on the Board of Supervisors to change how our public money is distributed: right now, vast amounts at the county level are given to the sheriff to lock people up and criminalize our communities while denying funding the structures that keep us safe - healthcare, affordable housing, jobs with thriving wages, and mental health support. With over two decades of experience in elected office, Kaplan has committed to partnering with community on achieving these goals of community reinvestment.



LIZ ORTEGA

California State Assembly District 20

Liz Ortega's priorities not only include worker protections and rights, and healthcare for all but also supporting small businesses, creating sanctuary cities for immigrants and refugees, affordable housing, mental health services and transitional housing for the unhoused, funding public schools and higher education, challenging environmental racism, and public safety reform. As the first Latina in history to be elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Alameda Labor Council, she fought for a livable wage to support working families with the skyrocketing costs of housing, and also fought to create vibrant and healthy communities by providing healthcare for our most marginalized communities.

OAKLAND MEASURES

YES	MEASURE H	Renews parcel tax for college and career readiness program
YES	MEASURE Q	Authorizes Oakland to create social housing for 13,000 households
YES	MEASURE R	Updates City Charter with gender neutral language
YES	MEASURE S	Opens door to non-citizen voting in Oakland
YES	MEASURE T	Reduces taxes for small businesses and generates over \$20M for Oakland's general fund
YES	MEASURE U	Allocates \$850M via a bond towards affordable housing & infrastructure improvement projects
YES	MEASURE V	Extends eviction and Just Cause protections for tenants
YES	MEASURE W	Creates more accountable elected officials by limiting the influence of big money
YES	MEASURE X	Creates terms limits for City Councilmembers
YES	MEASURE Y	Creates a 20 year parcel tax for Oakland Zoo improvements

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITIONS

YES	PROP 1	Safeguards freedom to make decisions about our bodies and health
NEUTRAL	PROP 26	Expands types of gaming at tribal casinos and allows sports betting
NO	PROP 27	Allows adults to bet on sports events online outside of tribal land
YES	PROP 28	Increases annual funding for arts and music in K-12 public schools
YES	PROP 29	Requires experienced medical staff at dialysis clinics
NEUTRAL	PROP 30	Increases income tax on those earning \$2M+ to fund incentivizes for zero-emission vehicles
YES	PROP 31	Stops Big Tobacco's challenge to law prohibiting sale of most flavored tobacco products

THE RIGHT CHOICE TO LEAD OUR TOWN



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SHENG THAO 盛桃*
Oakland Mayor

As a current city councilmember, she uniquely holds strong working relationships with fellow progressive councilmembers, an important requirement to avoid contention or stalling on policy implementation as mayor. As a renter, survivor of domestic violence with a child, and a refugee, one of Thao's biggest commitments is to create a regional strategy to build more affordable and moderate-income housing, and to increase vouchers. Her accomplishments these past four years include: working with and uniting labor and business to secure millions in funding for housing and homelessness services; helping to save Oakland's Head Start program and protecting other free early childhood education and family services for low-income Oaklanders; supporting our most undervalued city workers and services by expanding Oakland's paid sick leave policy; leading on wildfire prevention and emergency preparedness; and voting to increase funding for parks and recreation.

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**ALLYSSA
VICTORY
VILLANUEVA***

Victory's goal is to lead Oakland with fiscal responsibility and people-centered economics to deliver quality public services and achieve a community that is housed, healthy and safe for all. Her own experience with overcoming homelessness and being a current renter is what drives her progressive platform. Victory's platform stands out for incorporating the Black New Deal and the Green New Deal, centering equity and stopping racial disparity. Born and raised in Oakland, Victory is the first in her family to graduate from college, and she holds a J.D. from UC Hastings College of the Law with a concentration in Government Law.



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**GREG
HODGE***



Hodge is a seasoned non-profit and government sector professional with decades of experience working with social justice activists, advocates, elected officials, agency directors, educators, and families. He is well known in Oakland and has a strong reputation for his commitment to public service and local cultural arts. Hodge walks into the mayoral race with strong critiques of the current administration and has plans to strengthen The Town by building bridges with those on City Council, community organizations, and labor. Unlike the candidates determined to carry on the current administration's legacy, Hodge is an advocate for alternative methods of achieving public safety, considering models that move us away from our police department to a public safety department.

KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

REGISTER TO VOTE

In California, you can legally register to vote up to the day of the election – meaning you can register on November 8, 2022 at your polling location and get an absentee ballot. All registered voters in Alameda County will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot. The last day to register to receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the General Election is Monday, October 24, 2022.

EARLY VOTING

Starting on Monday, October 10th, 2022, you can cast your vote early by putting your filled-out, sealed, and signed ballot in the mail or in a ballot drop-off box. If you have not received your ballot by mail yet, you can track the status online.

If you are dropping off your ballot at a drop-off box, please make sure it is an official Alameda County drop box and that you drop your ballot off by 8PM on November 8. To find a drop box location in Alameda County, please visit acgov.org. You can also drop off your ballot at any polling place on Election Day or at one of the early voting sites.

If you are mailing in your ballot, drop it off at the post office or ballot drop box and make sure it is postmarked by Tuesday, November 8 (check your local USPS office to find out what time they close).

RANKED CHOICE VOTING

When voting in Oakland races, you may rank your top five choices for mayor, city councilmembers, city attorney, city auditor, and school board directors using Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV). RCV allows you to choose the candidates who most align with your values, and allow us to elect someone who garnered the overall support of the majority of voters. You may vote for up to five candidates in order of your preference, but you DO NOT need to fill out all five. If you feel adamantly against particular candidates, we recommend leaving them out of your ranking even if this means leaving some of your choices BLANK.

**Voters have until 8PM
on Tuesday, November 8,
2022 to vote in the
General Election.**



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