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Oakland to Host Five Town Hall Meetings to Gather Input from Community on Proposed Budget

Oakland, CA — On April 30, Mayor Jean Quan and City Administrator Deanna J. Santana presented the FY 2013-15 Proposed Policy Budget to City Council that invests heavily in public safety, job creation and economic development. Before the City Council holds formal budget hearings to deliberate the budget, a series of Budget Town Hall Meetings, hosted in partnership with City Councilmembers, will be held to gather input from Oakland residents on the proposed budget.

The **Budget Town Hall Meetings** are scheduled as follows:

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- **Thursday, May 9, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**
Marian Zimmer Auditorium, Oakland Zoo, 9777 Golf Links Road
Council District 7
- **Monday, May 13, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
César Chávez Education Center, 2825 International Boulevard
Council Districts 5 & At-large
- **Saturday, May 18, Noon to 2:30 p.m.**
Beebe Memorial Cathedral, 3900 Telegraph Avenue
Council Districts 1 & 3
- **Sunday, May 19, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**
Glenview Elementary School, 4215 La Cresta Avenue
Council Districts 2 & 4
- **Monday, May 20, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**
Frick Middle School, 2845 64th Avenue
Council District 6

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Every meeting is open to all members of the Oakland community, regardless of where residents live. Visit mapgis.oaklandnet.com/councildistricts for a map of Council Districts and locator tool. To request interpretation services in languages other than English, please contact Silvia San Miguel, at least five business days prior to the meeting date, at ssanmiguel@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6448.

For **budget-related documents** including the Administration's priorities, the principles behind the budget proposal, a four-page Budget-in-Brief fact sheet and an eight-page Budget Backgrounder fact sheet, please visit the budget web page at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK040588>.

Additional Engagement and Feedback Opportunities

City staff has been working hard to open our government to wider public view and increased transparency. This year, for the first time, we will upload the budget to the **newly launched open data platform** at data.oaklandnet.com which allows users to explore and visualize the raw data.

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For an example of a **community-created visualization** of the City's budget data, visit openbudgetoakland.org to view infographics of the proposed budget and join in on the discussion. Openbudgetoakland.org was created by the OpenOakland Code for America brigade.

Other engagement and feedback opportunities available include:

- Survey and community engagement opportunities at EngageOakland.com
- Emailing suggestions and comments to budgetsuggestions@oaklandnet.com

The **formal budget hearings** on the budget will be held in Council Chambers, Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza on the following dates:

- May 23 – City Council Budget Hearing #1
- June 13 – City Council Budget Hearing #2
- June 27 – Final City Council Budget Hearing/Adoption

By City Charter, the City Council must adopt a balanced budget for FY 2013-15 by June 30.

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