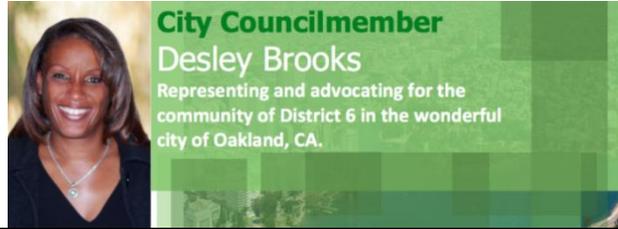


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Wishing you a great start to your Fall season!

Fall is here and all the signs of Summer's end are upon us. Students are back in school, temperatures are lowering to a comfortable Bay Area autumn climate, and our city seems to be picking up a faster pace as we all buzz towards ending the year off strong.

As always, I'm excited about all the new things happening in my district and across Oakland. I want to remind us to be mindful and considerate of each other and to be the best neighbors and community members we can be for each other.

Recent local and national news inform us of both great joy and stress in our communities. It is my belief that our togetherness is the key to great growth and health in our neighborhoods and cities.

As you can see our newsletter has a new look and feel! The new design is built to help better deliver information about what's happening in District 6 and throughout the city to keep you informed about opportunities and current events that impact you and your family.

Enjoy and have a great day,

City Councilmember Desley Brooks
Representing District 6

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7 things you just HAVE to know about if you have kids in Oakland Public Schools

School is back in session and thousands of children and teens across Oakland are putting on their backpacks every morning and climbing into desks and chairs for learning. In an effort to support parents, guardians, and families- Councilmember Brooks has comprised a 'Top 10' list of things to be in the know about if you have kids in Oakland Public Schools.

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2. The Oakland School Board of Education meets publicly twice a month. Oakland residents can even submit agenda items to bring up concerns or advocate for issues important to them. Visit the 'Governing Board' section at <http://www.ousd.k12.ca.us> to review agendas and meeting dates/times
3. You can review the breakfast and lunch menu at your child's school by visiting <http://www.ousd.k12.ca.us/domain/27>
4. OUSD has its own television and communications training program! If your child is interested in a career in television or even film production, KDOL offers a great free learning path. Email: mario.capitelli@ousd.k12.ca.us to get an application today!
5. A new program offers qualifying households a free computer and internet service to ensure that all students have access to online learning and computer tools for homework. To sign up for the program, families can call the East Bay Connects Contact Center [866-460-7439](tel:866-460-7439) or email info@eastbayconnects.com
6. There is a special initiative within OUSD to support the achievement of African-American males in the wake of some major educational disparities. Learn more at <http://thrivingstudents.org/33>
7. There are a sleuth of after school programming resources that partner with OUSD to provide safe and enriching experiences for your child after school. Visit <http://www.ousd.k12.ca.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=504> for a full list of options.

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I had a great time seeing old and new friends at the Oakland Pride Festival this month!

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Sometimes with all the hustle and bustle of our daily lives we miss out on the opportunity to connect and build with our neighbors. However, bonding and building connections with the families and households around you not only enriches your own neighborhood experience, but increases safety and helps strengthen our positive community culture.

Here are 2 of your neighbors residing in District 6:



Name:

Delilah Yoo

***Age:* 20**

***Neighborhood:* Bancroft/Seminary Area |District 6**

Are you from Oakland?

Yes! Born and raised. My parents are from Laos and Mexico. My dad was born here, my mom in Laos. They met in San Francisco.

Where did you go to High School:

I graduated from Oakland High in 2012

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What are your career interest?

I'm studying now for Nursing, but I also love to paint so I'm trying to squeeze that in when I can.

What was growing up in East Oakland like for you? What strengths do you feel your experience gave you?

Most of all I grew up around all kinds of different people. It gave me a wider picture about people and even myself. My best friend is Mexican, my boyfriend is Black, my favorite mentor is Persian, and my parents like I mentioned also come from different backgrounds (Laughs). In other places that may seem strange but if you're from here it's just life. I love that.



Name: P'iante Hill

Age: 31

Neighborhood: 73rd/Bancroft Area | District 6

How long have you been living in this neighborhood? I bought my home here 3 years ago. My initial plan was to have it as a rental property. I ended up liking it so much that I stayed. My mother visits with me here one month out of the year so that helps me not get home sick!

Oh, where are you from originally? Alabama.

What brought you to Oakland? My sister came here before me to go to Cal. Our family wanted me to be close to her so I put in for a transfer at work and what was suppose to be just a short stay is looking like my permanent move. I love it here.

Tell us about your street. Well, it is active, for sure! Lot's of movement all day. Kids going to school, families, and people just living. When I first moved here people had these cautionary words for me about Oakland. They were wrong though. I've been everywhere and there is goodness everywhere. I see good here and more good to come.

If there was one thing you would want to improve here in the district what would that be?

We need more quality grocery stores. I feel like my grocery shopping options are so small and that can be frustrating.

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Join us for our Empowerment
Committee Meetings in District 6!

Exciting things are happening in District 6!

This is a friendly reminder inviting you to join us for our Empowerment Committee meetings held throughout the month in District 6. These sessions are absolutely free and open to the public.

Councilmember Desley Brooks has developed committees in District 6 designed to empower residents with both information and opportunities to reinforce a great quality of life in our community.

- Are there issues in your neighborhood that you want resolved?
- Do you want to share or listen to solutions?
- Do you have a business idea or organization you want to start and want advice and access to resources?
- Do you want to meet and network with the community members, business owners, and city officials operating in District 6?

Then District 6 Empowerment Committee meetings are definitely the place to be!

Empowerment Committee and topics are as follows:

1st Saturday

Economic Development

10:00 a.m to Noon.

Kingdom Builders Christian Fellowship

7272 MacArthur Blvd.

Oakland, CA

2nd Monday

Public Safety and Justice

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Faith Baptist Church

2680 - 64th Avenue

Oakland, CA

3rd Saturday

Arts & Culture/Public Works

10:00 am to Noon

Last Day Revival Ministries

2001 73rd Ave.

Oakland, CA

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New development coming to 60th and Foothill



The site at 60th and Foothill is demolished and ready for construction of a new development. The next edition of our newsletter will feature a full article on the development. Great things are happening in District 6!

For information, news, and events in District 6 and Oakland wide "Like" me on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Desley-Brooks/135189713236208>



Visit District 6 Council Page: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/CityCouncil/o/District6/index.htm>

Thank you for reading Councilmember Brooks' bi-weekly newsletter. Feel free to share it far and wide. If you have anything you'd like to share that you'd like featured in the newsletter, send an email to: dbrooks@oaklandnet.com

We'd love to hear from you!