



Summer greetings to you.

My staff and I are continuing to work on a number of very important matters for the residents of North Oakland and our entire city. Here is a timely update on a couple of issues.

## Coal in Oakland?

This past Monday night, my colleagues and I on the City Council voted to adopt a landmark ordinance that I sponsored along with Mayor Schaaf to prohibit the handling, transloading and storage of coal (and petroleum coke) throughout the City of Oakland. We did this for the health and safety of our residents, workers, and our planet.

Earlier this year, I hired a public health expert, Dr. Zoë Chafe, to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the evidence relating to the health and safety risks of transport, handling and storage of Coal in Oakland. She concluded that stopping coal from being stored or handled in our city would protect some of our most vulnerable communities already disproportionately affected by harmful air pollution.

It is clear that my colleagues and I on the Council are unanimous in our desire to see the overall development project at the former Oakland Army Base—and the jobs it is expected to create—to move forward. But we also want to ensure that any private port terminal that is developed doesn't endanger the health and safety of current and future residents and workers.

Danny Kennedy, founder and former president of Sungevity solar company, pointed out in his testimony that coal is a dying industry and there are many clean tech companies that are ready and willing to help Oakland build its clean tech future, while providing a range of well-paying jobs for local residents.

# Police Accountability!

Recent events have brought to light the magnitude of the problems within the Oakland Police Department and why we are still under the Federal Court's negotiated settlement agreement (NSA) after some 14 years.

While our police department has made meaningful progress over the past few years in achieving compliance with several common sense requirements, there remain some major issues that appear to be beyond our reach under the current structure of accountability and discipline.

I want to be clear that the vast majority of our police officers in Oakland are very good people trying to do a difficult job day in and day out. I appreciate their efforts and I am committed to supporting our police department in reducing violence as well as fighting and investigating serious crimes.

That said, we have a responsibility to move forward with meaningful reforms and take seriously the clear need to overhaul our recruitment, training and accountability systems at OPD. That is why Councilmember Gallo and I have spent the past several months working with community groups and experts on crafting a Police Commission reform measure that would include the following:

- Creation of an independent civilian Police Commission with real authority and appropriate checks and balances when it comes to holding the Chief of Police accountable and proposing policies in specific areas.
- Establishment of a new Office of Inspector General headed by an experienced civilian reporting directly to the new Commission, and including a new position of Police Auditor to monitor progress, report on successes and shortcomings, and recommend additional measures to improve conduct and outcomes at OPD.
- Reforms in our police discipline system to ensure a fair process with meaningful accountability.

I am happy to report that the Council's Public Safety committee approved our Police Commission oversight measure, and we hope the full Council will do the same later in July so you can have the opportunity to vote for this Charter Measure in November.



## North Oakland Summer Picnic

Please save this date for our annual District One Community Picnic:

**Sunday, July 24 • Noon – 3:00pm**  
Charles Porter Golden Gate Recreation Center  
1075 62nd Street • Oakland

We will provide a main dish and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please join with your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of relaxation and good food. We look forward to seeing you on the 24th.

Thank you!

My staff and I hope you have a wonderful and safe 4th of July weekend.

-Dan Kalb