



Greetings and Happy New Year!

I want to update you on a couple of important topics that affect you as an Oakland resident.

Covered California Health Care Town Hall

**Oakland City Councilmember DAN KALB and
Assemblymember NANCY SKINNER**

Invite you to a

COVERED CALIFORNIA Affordable Care Act Town Hall and Free Enrollment event



*Your destination for
affordable health care*

Saturday, January 25th, 2014

10:00 AM — Noon

Faith Presbyterian Church, 430 49th Street • Oakland

With Health Care experts from

Covered California and Partner Organizations

Who should attend:

- **Any uninsured resident of Oakland**
- **Small Business Owners** <https://www.coveredca.com/small-business/>
- **Small Business Employees**

Certified COVERED CALIFORNIA Educators and Enrollment Counselors will answer COVERED CALIFORNIA questions, explain the various policies, and can sign you up at the location.

Covered California enrollment deadlines are fast approaching. Get health insurance by March 15th for coverage beginning April 1st, 2014.

All Californians are required to have health insurance beginning in 2014. Make sure to be enrolled by March 31, 2014. No one will be denied health care coverage due to pre-existing conditions!

Please contact Olga Bolotina, office of Councilmember Kalb
obolotina@oaklandnet.com or 510-238-7240 with any questions.

Please remember to bring social security numbers for you and your dependents. Naturalized citizens should bring proof of immigration status.

The event flyer can be found [here](#). Please forward this to anyone you know who might currently be uninsured.

Thank you!

Creation of the Oakland Redistricting Commission

As you may know, last year the City of Oakland underwent a redistricting process for the districts lines that apply to City Council and Oakland School Board districts. The redistricting process in 2013 attempted to engage the broader community and encourage citizen participation by those impacted by the lines drawn in the final map. While last year's process was better than in decades past, I strongly believe that these decisions should not have been made by the elected officials who stand to benefit from them.

As we look forward to the next decade, we have an opportunity to make future redistricting more democratic by putting the decision-making power into the hands of Oakland residents who are neither elected officials nor political insiders. This can be done through the creation of an independent Redistricting Commission. In the spirit of the democratic process, please take a moment to complete a brief survey on how a Redistricting Commission might look for Oakland.

[Please click here to access the survey.](#)

MLK Day of Service 2014

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday is right around the corner. On January 20, 2014, Oaklanders across our city and Americans across the country will volunteer to help their neighbors and fellow community members. Reverend King once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

How will you get out and help on MLK day this year? If you need some ideas, please visit <http://www.serve.gov/> or <http://mlkday.gov/index.php>. These sites provide a search engine for many of the volunteer opportunities near you and your family this January 20th. Please join us in serving the communities of Oakland. One invaluable option that is available on the Saturday preceding MLK Day—or almost any other day of the week—is to [donate blood](#) through the Red Cross or another local blood bank.

Phat Beets Produce MLK JR DAY OF SERVICE January 19, 2014

Get to know your neighbors over pancakes!

What: MLK Jr. DAY OF SERVICE

When: Sunday, January 19, 2014, 10 – 1PM

Where: Dover St Edible Park, 57th and Dover St., Oakland

Join Phat Beets Produce, Dover St. Neighbors, Growing Together and neighbors like you to honor the radical and transformative work of Dr. King with...

- A Restorative Justice Healing Circle hosted by Malachi: share your community issues, your harm and how you have harmed (12pm)
- Potluck Pancake Breakfast, let us know what you are bringing to share, please email info@phatbeetsproduce.org (juice, toppings, and side dishes needed) (10-12pm)
- Sign up to Plant a Tree in Your Front Yard growingtogetherinfo@gmail.com
- Garden tour and activities (11am)
- Children's activities (all day)
- Garden workday (all day)

Thanks so much,

-Dan Kalb

[Dan Kalb District One Oakland City Council](#)