



Happy Holidays to All. For those engaged in shopping during this holiday season, please consider [SHOP OAKLAND](#) for your holiday needs. Wishing everyone a joyous and restful holiday season.



(Dan with his wife Valarie)



E-SCOOTER COMMUNITY TOWN HALL

Reminder: Please join Oakland Department of Transportation staff, representatives from e-scooter companies and your City Councilmember to discuss e-scooters in Oakland. We very much want to know how you feel about where E-Scooters could be most helpful, provide feedback on new regulations, and discuss safety for E-Scooter riders and others. Representatives from more than one Scooter operator will be there to listen to your input and answer any questions you may have. They will also be demonstrating proper E-Scooter use and safety. This meeting was rescheduled from November due to the extremely unhealthy air quality last month.

E-SCOOTERS:

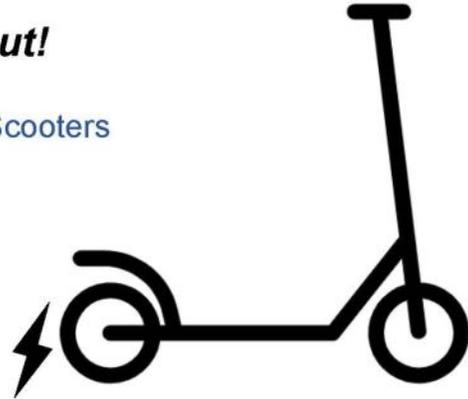
North Oakland Community Planning Meeting

OakDOT is in the final stages of launching E-scooter regulations and permit system ...

Now is the time to give your input!

- Hear how Oakland plans to regulate E-Scooters
- Learn how to ride E-Scooters safely
- Talk with E-Scooter company reps
- Give your input!

Rescheduled!



WEDNESDAY

December 12

7:30-9:00 PM

Charles Porter

Golden Gate Recreation Center

1075 62nd Street | Oakland

*Hosted by City Councilmember **Dan Kalb** (District 1)
& Oakland Department of Transportation (**OakDOT**)*



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For more information, click on <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/e-scooters>.

SEISMIC SAFETY LEGISLATION

Councilmember Kalb's Seismic Safety Retrofit Ordinance at City Council

Councilmember Kalb is proud to bring forward a seismic safety Ordinance to save lives and reduce the potential for housing displacement in the event of a major earthquake.

“It is imperative that we take action to make homes safe for the thousands of Oaklanders living in older apartment (or condominium) buildings,” said Oakland Councilmember Dan Kalb, principal author of the Ordinance. “This law will go a long way to ensure, in the event of a major earthquake, that lives are protected and displacement is minimized. Without this law, we could face our own ‘Katrina’.” Mayor Libby Schaaf is the co-author on this Ordinance.

After a major earthquake, many residential tenants are likely to be displaced from damaged buildings, with soft-story buildings being particularly vulnerable. Soft-story buildings are multi-unit, wood-frame residential buildings with a first story that lacks adequate strength or stiffness to prevent leaning or collapse in an earthquake. The Mandatory Seismic Retrofit Ordinance will require that older wood-frame buildings with 5 or more residential units that are vulnerable to major seismic events be seismically retrofitted.

Required retrofit work is considered a capital improvement under Oakland rent adjustment law; therefore 70% of the costs of a capital improvement can be passed through to tenants (unless the owner has otherwise been reimbursed). To prevent such pass-throughs from resulting in substantial rent hikes that could displace tenants, the proposed mandatory seismic retrofit law would direct that pass-through costs be repaid over 25 years.

Upon the ordinance becoming effective, the City’s Planning and Building Department staff would notify property owners of the program and compliance requirements based on a mailing list from the 2009 screening program (Ordinance 12966 C.M.S.; O.M.C. Chapter 15.26) and property characteristics data. The Department’s Building Bureau would provide technical guidance on structural evaluations and retrofit designs.

The ordinance requires owners of soft-story subject buildings containing five or more residential units to perform a mandatory structural evaluation, obtain retrofit permit(s), and complete retrofit work per specified engineering criteria within the allowable timeframe.

The proposal is designed to limit potential impacts to building owners as follows:

- Preventative seismic retrofits will likely cost owners less than repair or rebuild work after a major earthquake;
- Some financial assistance is available for owners doing seismic retrofit work; and
- Zoning incentives apply, such as waived parking, setback and height regulations, and one or two additional dwelling units are permitted depending upon the size of the building.

The proposal is designed to reduce potential impacts to tenants as follows:

- Preventative seismic retrofits will prevent occupant injury and loss of life and will reduce residential displacement in the event of a major earthquake;
- Tenants that need to be temporarily relocated during seismic retrofit work are entitled to relocation payments by the owner under the City’s Code Compliance Relocation Program to cover the cost of temporary housing elsewhere; and
- The ordinance directs the City Administrator to develop administrative regulations requiring owners to notify tenants of proposed construction schedules and provisions for tenant relocation, if applicable.

Several years back, the City and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) identified 24,273 residential units in 1,479 potential soft-story buildings in Oakland based on criteria representing the greatest risk -five or more units, two to seven stories tall, built before 1991, and parking or commercial uses on the ground floor. Since then, several policy and legislative actions related to soft-story screening and seismic strengthening have been implemented in Oakland, including:

In 2015, the City Council approved the Housing Action Plan and Policy Framework contained within the Housing Equity Roadmap, which called for a mandatory soft-story retrofit ordinance that limits rent increases and provides resources and incentives to property owners. And in 2016, the Oakland Resilience Office released the [Resilient Oakland playbook](#), which promotes the development and implementation of a soft-story retrofit program, among other recommendations.

Similar mandatory retrofit programs have already been implemented in other California cities, including Berkeley, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Oakland's program will benefit technically and financially by following these existing retrofit programs. Additionally, the Bay Area engineering community, construction industry, and financial lenders are establishing efficient practices and developing a competitive market, which will greatly benefit the implementation of this ordinance in Oakland.

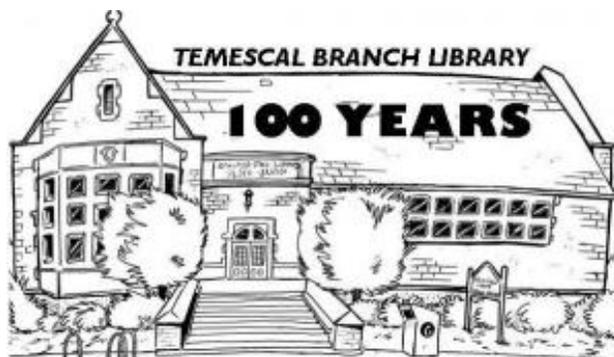
For more information on the legislative history of this ordinance, details on the financial incentives for property owners, and examples of seismic retrofit programs in other cities, please review the staff report and supplemental reports, which can be found here: <https://oakland.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3717226&GUID=C881DE78-A14F-4B94-9661-D8AE6075B1AB&Options=&Search>. Thanks to all the city staff and community stakeholders who have worked on this over the past few years.

See also [this article in the SF Chronicle](#).

GREEN NEW DEAL

Councilmember Kalb has scheduled a Council Resolution to formally endorsed the proposed Green New Deal at the federal level. He is urging the United States Congress, with the help of state and local governments, to help solve human-caused Climate Change through transitioning to a Clean Energy Economy, Phasing Out The Burning Of Fossil Fuels, and Increasing Democratic Control Over Our Energy Systems. The Resolution will be heard and voted on in January. Councilmember Kaplan has signed on as a co-author.

Oakland City Service Requests: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/oak311>



(Congrats to the Temescal branch library on their 100-year Anniversary. Councilmember Kalb attended the the Dec. 8th celebration and presented a City Council Proclamation to the Library)

Dan Kalb
Oakland City Councilmember

Oakland, CA

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