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Mentoring Mixer on January 17 to Recruit Mentors for Oakland Youth

Oakland, CA---In honor of National Mentoring Month, members of the Oakland Mentoring Forum are joining Oakland Bay Area Cares in recruiting interested adults to mentor Oakland youth. The event will be held on Tuesday, January 17 from 6 - 8 pm at the Heart and Soul Center of Light, 1001 42nd Street (between Adeline and Linden).

Last year, more than 500 adults responded to Mayor Jean Quan's call to work with Oakland's most-at-risk youth—aging-out Foster youth, formerly incarcerated youth and students who are chronically absent from school. They signed up as volunteers or mentors with one of the 46 different programs that mentor young people in Oakland.

Representatives from a number of these local programs will be on hand to answer questions at Tuesday night's event.

For additional information, contact Aisha Bilal at (415) 573-7451 or email her at mentoroaklandnow@gmail.com.

Additional information about Oakland's many mentoring programs is available at www.oaklandschoolvolunteer.org/mentor on the Mayor's page at www2.oaklandnet.com

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