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## **Councilmember Dan Kalb's FY 2022-23 Mid-cycle Priorities/Questions** *(updated)*

### **Affordable Housing and Homeless Services**

- Support expanding sanitation services (porta-potties, deep cleanings, regular garbage collection) at existing homeless encampments. *Question:* How much would it cost, beyond what we are already spending, to ensure that all encampments that are not slated to be closed receive weekly trash collection, a regularly serviced porta-potty and hand-washing station, and regular deep cleanings.

- Support legal services for low-income renters – Add **\$700,000** in one-time funds for grants to qualified nonprofits to provide tenant legal representation for lower income renters (beyond what may already be allocated for Keep Oakland Housed).

- Expand the number of Safe RV Parking Sites in Oakland. With RVs being a growing percentage of the total homeless population, we have to identify and serve several additional safe RV sites throughout our city—including in D-1. *Question:* What is the cost of creating and servicing each additional safe RV Parking site for up to 15 RVs?

- Support Grant (one-time funds) to Youth Spirit Artworks for second tiny homes village – **\$250,000**

### **Oakland Climate Equity Fund – Equitable Climate Action Plan Implementation – Sustainability Team**

- Create new fund in the City Budget for Climate Equity and ECAP implementation. Oakland's 2030 ECAP provides a 10-year roadmap for significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions while increasing resilience and reducing racial disparities. Actions are structured to minimize harms (i.e. reducing pollution burdens, energy insecurity, and displacement) and maximize benefits (i.e. improving services and supporting local, high-road jobs in the green economy) to frontline communities. A **Climate Equity Fund** would support these goals, providing critical gap-funding for things like holistic building upgrades in naturally-occurring affordable housing, clean vehicle infrastructure for small fleet operators along sensitive corridors, and creation of vital resilience hubs where communities need them most. With a flexibly-structured fund, staff could allocate resources according to critical gaps and opportunities to leverage external funds for projects benefiting frontline communities, using the ECAP and Racial Equity Impact Assessment as guide.

- Support proposal to move our Sustainability Team from Public Works to the City Administrator's office to better coordinate with other departments on climate action and resiliency.

- **\$160,000** (one-time funds) to provide the match for two FUSE fellows to work on climate justice and resilience projects in the ECAP.

- **\$750,000** (one-time funds) for a **Community Resilience Hub** – this is a facility or building that facilitates the providing of services and hosts programming to strengthen community connections and resilience during normal times, *and* helps it thrive in the face of disruptions, providing support before, during, and after emergencies. Hubs would be all-electric facilities with onsite electricity generation and backup power; include space for culturally-appropriate, community-driven resilience programming year-round; and contain deployable spaces and equipment for urgent disaster response and recovery. This work would allow the City to demonstrate the utility of full-scale Resilience Hubs, and identify these facilities' operational needs to more successfully respond to emergencies and compete for competitive funding in the future.

- **\$100,000** (one-time funds) into the Climate Equity Fund for Portable Air Filtration Units as an extreme heat and smoke resilience expenditure. As the climate crisis continues, heat waves and wildfires will occur with increasing frequency. Oaklanders who are unsheltered or who live in older or substandard housing depend on public respite centers during these dangerous events. These funds could nearly double the City's cache of portable air filtration units for deployment to more community-gathering sites in the event of high-heat or smoke days.

- **\$10,000** grant for PLACE for Sustainable Living (People Linking Art, Community & Ecology) – PLACE (People Linking Art, Community, & Ecology) was founded in 2011 and has served as an educational center and demonstration site for all things green, just, and regenerative for the purpose of community building and greening our neighborhoods. We regularly invite the neighborhood and surrounding communities to come to connect, teach something/learn something, and strengthen our community resiliency together. PLACE activities include Educational workshops on DIY crafts, permaculture and gardening, rainwater harvesting, natural building, green technologies, food justice multi-cultural events, etc., neighborhood skill-building and community festivals, shared affordable art and sustainable design spaces, and social justice engagement with North Oakland community groups.

As PLACE, post-covid, moves ahead, there are some very necessary and immediate structural improvements that are needed in order for the site to continue their current programming. Priority is to continue to serve the immediate neighborhood and surrounding communities to strengthen ties and connections to one another as we face climate change, political turmoil and disconnection due to the fragmented families and communities.

## MACRO

*Questions:* What is the existing timeline for expansion of the MACRO program? Is it correct that the MACRO program staff is currently operating during two shifts, five days per week in most of East Oakland and West Oakland, plus one shift on weekends? Can we expand this to three shifts, 7 days per week citywide in phases? If so, when during FY

22-23 how can we expand the program and, what is the Administration proposing in terms of additional funding? I would support a phased increase in our investment in MACRO.

### **Job Readiness**

As suggested in the Emerald New Deal, I support allocating new funding (at least \$1.25M) in FY 22-23 for targeted grants to enhance job readiness for Oakland residents who in years past have been personally subjected to the war on drugs.

### **Wildfire Prevention**

Add **\$400-\$500K** for vegetation management to help with reducing wildfire risk during this drought year when risk is very high.

### **Hiring**

Support adding additional Human Resources staff to help with backlog of hiring for city departments most in need.

Identify key classifications that have under-market salary ranges and increase salaries to be more competitive in terms of recruitment and retention.

### **Head Start**

*Questions:* How much of Measure AA funds are going to our Head Start and Early Head Start programs in FY 22-23? How does the total funds for HS/EHS for this past fiscal year compare to the proposed spending for FY 22-23?

### **Hunger**

*Question:* How much do we allocate for our summer and year-round food programs for our lower income residents? Let's seriously consider a one-time grant (**\$200K**) to Community Kitchens to help provide meals to people who are homeless.

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