

# Agenda | 2025 Oakland Council Budget Session- Budget & Policy Priorities

Friday, March 7th 2025

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## Objective

**Our mission is clear:** we aim to build an Oakland that is a full-service community—safe, clean, vibrant, and livable for all residents.

### **Our Goals:**

- **Understand Oakland's current opportunities and challenges** by listening to residents (survey), analyzing data on inequities in the city, and reviewing the fiscal outlook.
- **Ground the Council and Administration** in their individual motivations while fostering collaborative leadership.
- **Gather input from values and priorities from 2023** to help build a stronger, more sustainable city for the future, with a focus on driving measurable outcomes for 2025-2027.
- **Establish our values and priorities for 2025**, while setting a foundation for long-term progress.

## Ground Rules

1. **Be Present & Engaged** – Stay focused, actively listen, and avoid distractions.
  2. **Balance Leadership & Space** – Know when to step up and when to make room for others to contribute.
  3. **Embrace Diverse Perspectives** – Recognize that we each bring unique experiences, insights, and solutions to the table.
  4. **Navigate Conflict with Purpose** – Disagreements are natural, but they should move discussions forward, not stall progress.
  5. **Honor Respect & Open Dialogue** – Differences in opinion or ideology are valuable—approach them with curiosity, not division.
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## **Agenda**

### **1. (9:00am-9:15am) Opening**

- Please sign up to speak on agenda items by 9:30am. Public comment on all agenda items (except Open Forum) will be at approximately 12:30pm and prior to any Council actions.

### **2. (9:15am-10:00am) Current State of Oakland:** Where does Oakland stand today, and what are we addressing to ensure equitable and sustainable growth?

- Presentation from the Oakland Chamber of Commerce (CVL Economics)
- Q&A/Comments: Connecting the data to Council's work

### **3. (10:00am– 10:45am) Public comment**

- All agenda items, except Open Forum

### **4. (10:45am-11:15am) Lunch**

### **5. (11:15am–12:00pm) Residents Priorities:** How do Oaklanders see the city today?

- Presentation: Resident Budget Survey (Budget Advisory Commission)
- Discussion/ Reflection

### **6. (12:00pm– 12:45pm) Budget Forecast and Budget Process:** What is the budget outlook and how can the Council set parameters around potential outcomes?

- Presentation: Overview of budget process and baseline revenues, expenditures. (Finance Department)
- Q&A Section

### **7. (1:00pm – 1:45pm) Council Budget Priorities:** How do we align budget priorities with measurable outcomes that reflect community needs?

- Review of 2023 Priorities (Council President Gallo)
- Discussion: How will the Council measure success and what it means to move the needle on these issues?
  - Priorities can be grouped across four areas: Housing/Homelessness, Workforce, Community Safety, Core City Services

### **8. Retreat Closing**

### **9. Open Forum-** 1 min per speaker