



AGENDA REPORT

TO: City Council and members of the Public
FROM: Councilmembers Dan Kalb
SUBJECT: Resolution declaring October 6th 2021 a “CLEAN AIR DAY”
DATE: September 23, 2021

City Council colleagues, Councilmembers Kalb respectfully asks your support for the attached Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached resolution, and upon adoption authorize the City Administrator or designee to promote Clean Air Day through city communications and encourage all employees, residents, businesses, and community members to wholeheartedly participate in Clean Air Day.

RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 6TH 2021 A “CLEAN AIR DAY” IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND ASKING ALL CITY DEPARTMENT HEADS TO DETERMINE HOW THEIR DEPARTMENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN CLEAN AIR DAY, AS APPROPRIATE, AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES, EMPLOYEES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN CLEAN AIR DAY AND HELP CLEAR THE AIR FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS.

SUMMARY

In Oakland negative effects of air pollution on rates of asthma and other acute and chronic diseases, especially in West and East Oakland are well documented.

According to the [2016 report](#) by Alameda County Public Health Department residents in East Oakland experience some of the highest asthma hospitalization rates compared to the rest of the region due to elevated levels of air pollution, caused by freight corridor, busy roadways and industrial sector located in close proximity to residential neighborhoods.

In [2018 study](#) the Environmental Defense Fund in partnership with Kaiser Permanente determined that changes in air pollution levels within neighborhoods can increase risks of heart attack and deaths from heart disease.

There are many things that individuals and organizations can do to reduce air pollution. Reducing driving and vehicle idling, walking or biking to work and school, carpooling, conserving energy are just a few examples that could directly improve air quality in our region.

More information on this statewide effort to promote clean air for all Californians can be found here: <https://www.cleanairday.org/>

Councilmember Kalb would like the City Council to encourage the city administration and all the city department heads to start preparing for the Clean Air Day 2022 celebration with citywide actions that produce tangible results.

We appreciate council support for this resolution and its intent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Kalb". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dan Kalb
Councilmember, District 1