

Meet the City Council Candidates!

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City Council: District 1

Stephanie Dominguez Walton



Steph Dominguez Walton is a third-generation Californian and proud Latina. She is running for Oakland City Council, and she would be the first Latina to serve on the council if elected. Steph waitressed her way through college and earned a degree from Pepperdine University in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in Spanish. She worked in the radio and television industry for over 25 years, where she was consistently a top performer because of her drive and innate ability to work with others.

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Steph is a 2019 graduate of Emerge, a national organization that trains aspiring Democratic women leaders to run and win elected office. Her vision for Oakland is one where everyone has a home, our children have access to education with food in their bellies, and our communities are safe and healthy. She believes a city councilmember must be transparent, accountable, and above all, responsive to their constituents. Steph has the energy, drive and determination to make real change in Oakland. She has lived in Oakland for more than 15 years, and is raising her two children with her husband

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Dan Kalb



Throughout his distinguished career, Dan Kalb has worked as an environmental, public interest, and social justice advocate, and faithful community service volunteer. In his nearly eight years on the Oakland City Council, Dan has earned his reputation as a proactive and effective Councilmember known as a hard-working, committed public servant, always looking to make life better for the people of Oakland.

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For example, Dan:

- Secured millions of dollars in annual funds for affordable housing;
- Authored the city's Tenant Protection Ordinance and other anti-displacement laws;
- Authored the charter ballot measure to create a civilian Police Commission;
- Wrote the ordinance to ban the storage and handling of coal in Oakland;
- Created an innovative City-OUSD partnership to reduce chronic absenteeism in our public elementary schools.

Dan is committed to promoting data-driven solutions to the toughest problems facing our communities, including resolving the Oakland's housing affordability and homelessness crises, enhancing wildfire prevention and disaster resiliency, acting locally to combat climate change, investing seriously in public safety, police reform and violence prevention, and partnering with our school district to set the table for our youth. Dan has the proven policy-making and institutional budget experience to continue as our champion at City Hall, make life better for the people of Oakland.

District 3

Carroll Fife



Carroll Fife is an executive director, a community leader, a mother and a fearless freedom fighter. As director of ACCE Oakland, she helped found Moms for Housing and passed legislation at the state and local level to build collective power for tenants. She has fought back against police terrorism and helped to build a network of Black organizations and individuals working together for community self-determination. She has been involved in Oakland electoral politics for over a decade. She is an elected member of the Oakland NAACP's Executive Committee and serves as the housing chair of the organization. Since 2014, she has managed several campaigns, including Oakland's first ever slate of all Black women candidates for City Council and the OUSD Board.

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She was a 2016 and 2020 Platform Committee delegate for Senator Bernie Sanders and drafted an amendment for the 2020 Democratic National Convention Platform to make housing a human right.

Carroll's legislative and electoral accomplishments include the grassroots organizing energy behind Oakland's Department of Race and Equity, pushing for the Cannabis Equity Permit program, protecting the Coliseum area from gentrification, passing Oakland's emergency eviction moratoria and pandemic eviction ban, and most recently, pressuring the City Council to reopen the City budget in order to divest from Oakland's police department to invest in community services. Carroll facilitates many grassroots coalitions, mentors youth organizations and candidates running for elected office and is a trusted advocate and servant of marginalized people everywhere

City Council: District 5

Noel Gallo



Noel Gallo is the incumbent Oakland City Council Member for Oakland's District 5. He has served Oakland as a community volunteer, organizer, and active resident for my lifetime. He is honored that he has been elected by District 5 voters to represent them as an Oakland Board of Education Director for 20 years and as the current District 5 Oakland City Councilmember for the past 7.5+ years. Over that timeframe,

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Noel has built strong community partnerships, expertise, and have stayed committed to working for a Safe, Clean, Green and Healthy Oakland. His track record for District 5 is strong. Based on his experience as an elected official, lifetime resident of Oakland, and having raised four children in East Oakland, with daily interactions with residents and businesses. Noel is committed to Oakland and is compelled to continue his work to support Education, Social Justice, and ensure Equity for all.

Noel is a lifetime resident of Oakland, growing up in the Fruitvale/San Antonio neighborhoods. Noel attended local schools and graduated from UC Berkeley with a Business Degree. Noel has been married to Aliza for over thirty eight years; they live in the Fruitvale District. Together they have raised four children that attended Fremont High School and Oakland High School are graduates of Stanford University, UC Berkeley; family members have also obtained Masters Degrees from Santa Clara University, California State East Bay and UCLA

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Richard Santos Raya



I was born in San Jose and moved to Fruitvale when I was a toddler, living with my father, brother, and adoptive mother. Raised in a blended family with Chicano, Black and Jewish roots, I feel intimately connected to the story and vibe of Oakland. I graduated from law school last year and currently teach law to high schoolers through Centro Legal de la Raza's Youth Law Academy. I am also a writer, comedian, storyteller and martial artist, and a Mayor-appointed member of the Cultural Affairs Commission. I'm excited to take my listening skills, my creativity and my heart into this office and serve the people of Oakland.

City Council: District 7

Treva Reid



I'm an overcomer, advocate, and community leader. Running to lead transformative and sustained change in East Oakland. I was raised in a family of educators, civic leaders, entrepreneurs, and laborers. I fight for families who have endured like us, the deep trauma of losing loved ones to gun violence, overcoming housing instability, food insecurity, unemployment, domestic abuse, relying on affordable housing, good living wage jobs and mental health care. I champion those issues, serving with over 10 organizations. I've worked for Sen. Skinner while in the state assembly on policies and funding that benefited East Oakland youth.

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I Co-founded Triumphant Women where we work in partnership with Oakland Elizabeth House, Wardrobe for Opportunity, BWOPA and other organizations to help women--primarily single mothers like me--thrive in every season of life. As a young single mother at Hampton University working multiple jobs, I leveraged strengths from my upbringing to provide for my daughter and graduate from Hampton University and I bring that same fight to ensure equitable outcomes. District 7 needs a passionate, experienced, strong leader to fight for us at City Hall and work to deliver real solutions. I'm that leader! Together, we will move East Oakland Forward-For Us.

I hope you will join and lead with me!

#WinningTogether

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Marchon Tatmon



Marchon Tatmon is an Oakland native who went through all Oakland public schooling, graduating from Castlemont High School. From there, Marchon went to Chabot College and was awarded a Football Scholarship to the University of Tulsa after stellar play on the field. He was all conference 1st team in High School and at Chabot. Marchon graduated from the University of Tulsa in 2007, earned a BA in Political Science and a minor in Psychology. Marchon also earned a Master's degree in Public Administration and is currently finishing up his Doctorate in Public Administration with a focus on sustainable communities and policy (21).

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For almost 20 years, Marchon has worked to lift up community, including 9 years as a volunteer at the Ira Jenkins/Brookfield Recreational Center in East Oakland. As an administrator with Building Futures in the East Bay, Marchon housed nearly 200 homeless families in the past 4 years and fed 1,000's. Marchon also spearheaded the Homeless housing resource center in Alameda and was the manager of the Emergency winter warming shelter in which 1,000 beds were provided in the winter months. He is a certified domestic violence counselor and serves as a commissioner on the City of Oakland's Budget Commission. Marchon currently works as an advocate for unhoused and underserved people in the SF/Marin County Food Bank's as a Government Affairs Manager and the Policy and Advocacy division.

City Council: At Large

Derreck Johnson



Derreck Johnson is running for City Council for all those who've been left behind, those who struggle, those who're being hit hardest by the health and economic crises impacting our city, because they're his family, and his community. A third generation Oaklander, Derreck was raised by a single mom in West Oakland's Acorn housing projects, one of our most underserved neighborhoods. His mom worked up to three jobs so he could have a better life. She taught him to work hard and selflessly for others, take pride in his community, and keep his word.

City Council: At Large

Rebecca Kaplan



Rebecca Kaplan was born in Ontario, Canada and grew up living with a universal healthcare system, in a family and community which encouraged her to fight for the rights of workers. Stories about the history of worker abuses and the fight for worker rights, such as the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire, as well as people giving their lives for social justice, such as the murder of Andrew Goodman, James Chaney and Michael Schwerner were part of Rebecca's upbringing and inform her values. Rebecca attended MIT as an undergraduate, where she was actively involved in organizing for women's rights and reproductive freedom, LGBT equality, and part of the successful effort to get her campus to divest from apartheid-era South Africa.

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Rebecca Kaplan

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Rebecca obtained her law degree from Stanford Law School, where she had the opportunity to learn from teachers like Michelle Alexander (author of *The New Jim Crow*) and became involved in advocacy for prisoner rights and against mass incarceration. She worked in Oakland as a tenant's rights attorney and advocate. She served for over seven years on the AC Transit Board of Directors, an elected position, and expanded late night bus service, opposed outsourcing, expanded bike-transit connections, solar power, and sustainable fuel initiatives. Rebecca now serves as Oakland's citywide elected Councilmember, elected November 2008, and was unanimously selected by her colleagues to be President of the Oakland City Council in January 2019.

Rebecca serves on the Alameda County Transportation Commission, which represents all the local government agencies and transit providers in the Bay Area. Kaplan is Oakland's first openly-LGBT elected official, and also a bible teacher. Kaplan has successfully fought for support for youth programs, to end discriminatory laws, and to support full community leadership in boards, commissions, and community-based organizations.