

FAITH IN
ACTION
EAST BAY



B B B O N
Block By Block Organizing Network

Illegal Dumping Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

**Community Leaders Tireless Efforts To Address The Racial and
Economic Inequities of Illegal Dumping**

Faith In Action East Bay (FIAEB) formerly known as Oakland Community Organizations (OCO) was established in 1972

We are multi faith, multi race, multilingual a political non partition organization.

We do not support candidates or political parties.

We organize to create just legislations and policies.



Block by Block Organizing Network (BBBON)

Established in 2010, unites progressive community activists Block by Block, District by District to ensure that Oakland serves the needs of all residents.

Our members are dedicated to the betterment of Oakland through community partnerships and support for progressive public leadership.



Who We Are

Together we represent thousands of families from the flatlands of East, Central, West, and North Oakland. We refuse to accept that we should have to step over piles of trash to go to school and do daily activities.

Our vision is that our neighborhoods are clean, our families have. . . jobs; clean, green, and affordable housing; will not fear deportation, displacement, police violence, and racial profiling.

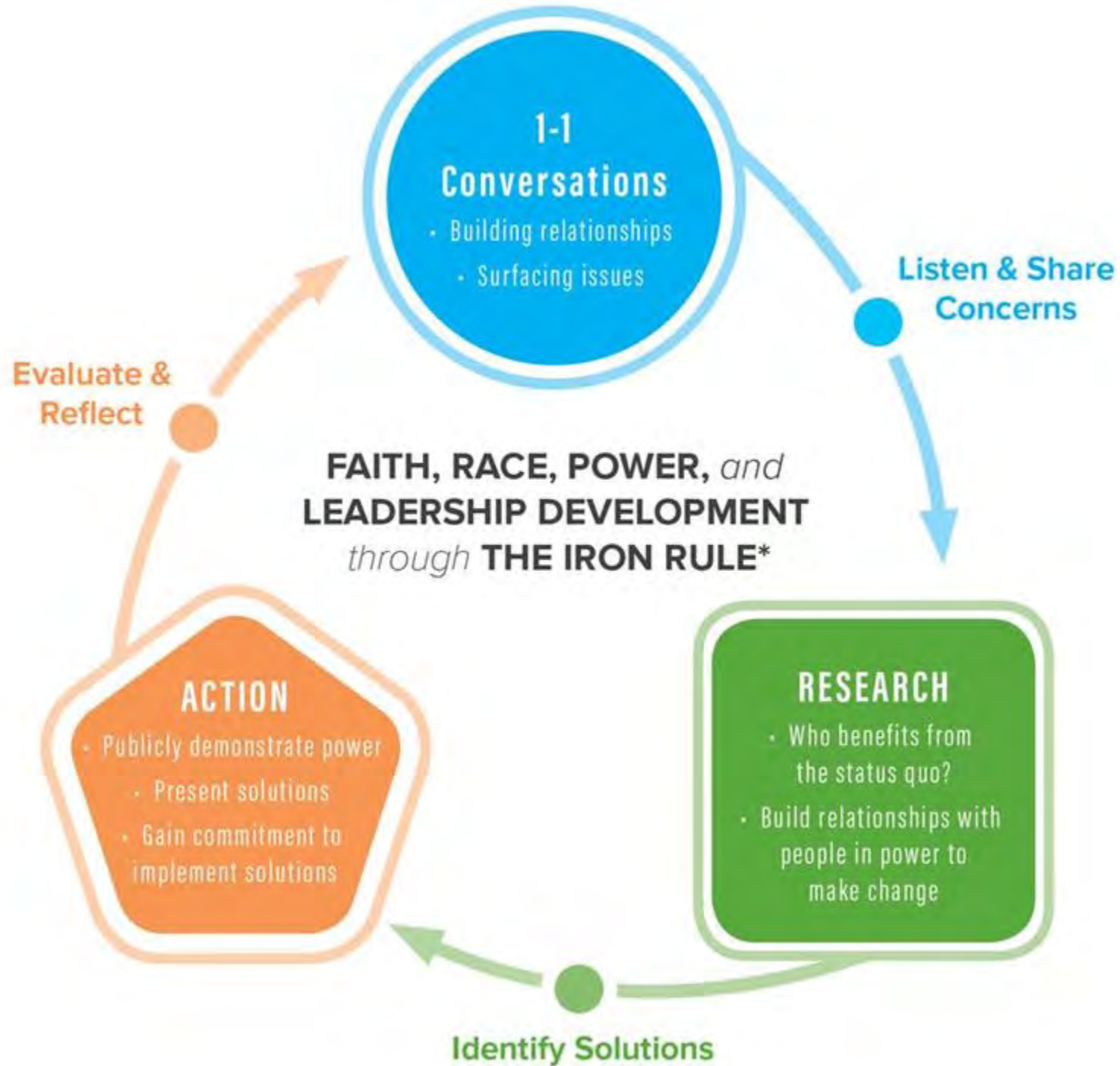
We will continue organizing in collaboration with our city officials, Oakland Public Works and the Department of Transportation until a solution is found to keep our streets clean, and our communities receive the services we deserve.

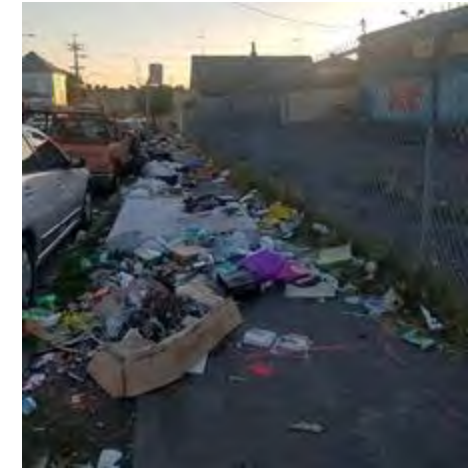




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Our Organizing Model





After hundreds of 1-1 conversations we learned that the number one priority was the trash on our streets



We formed a team of community leaders, and decided to organize and start our **research phase**





Our First Research Meeting

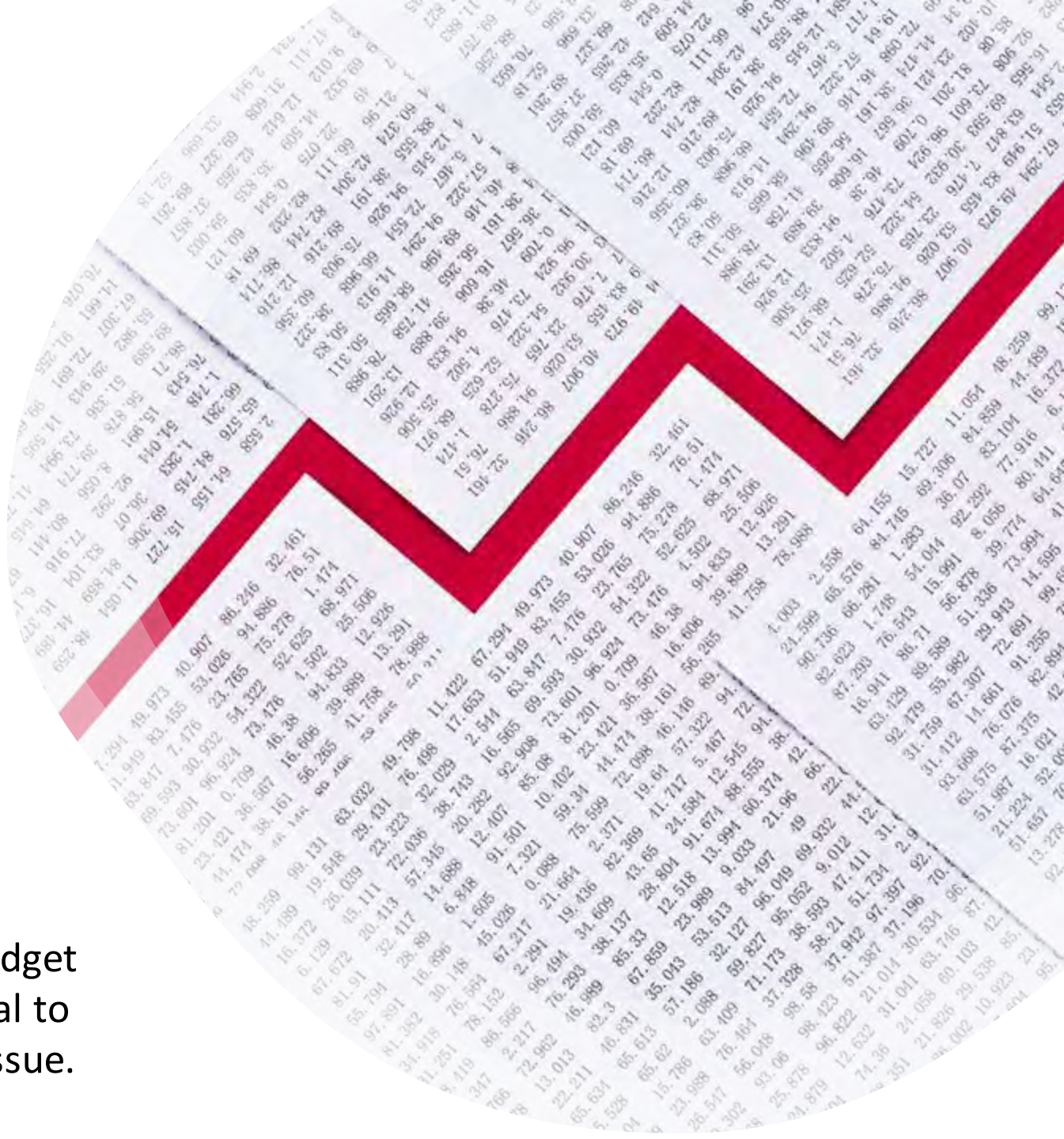
Our First Research Meeting was with

- The police officers serving the Saint Louis Bertrand neighborhood at International Blvd and 100th Avenue
- Followed by a meeting with Oakland Public Works director and his team.

Data collected through our research:

- The number of workers the department has, going from 123 in the past to 83 at that point.
- Out of those 83, many were not working for different reasons.
- Another problem was broken equipment.
- All of that made his work almost impossible.

Through our research leaders determined that a budget increase at the Public Works Department was crucial to increase capacity and address the illegal dumping issue.



After Our First Research Meeting We Met With Council Member Larry Reid With The Following Request

We asked him to create a policy to penalize those trashing our streets:

- 1st offense: \$1,000 and 30 days of street cleaning.
- 2nd offense: \$1,500 and 60 days of street cleaning.
- 3rd offense: \$2,000 and 6 months in jail

He promised to work with the city attorney and report back.





Our First Public Action

In November 2016, 700 residents gathered at St. Louis Bertrand Church to demand that our Elected officials do something to address and stop illegal dumping in our streets.



WARDS
Talent
TREASURY

RESERVED

Julio Peña

We asked the Mayor And City Council We asked them to report back to the larger community in the following 90 days about these priorities:

- Increase Oakland Public Works department budget
- Hire a team of environmental inspectors
- Hire more workers to clean our streets
- Purchase new equipment and repair broken equipment
- Install cameras in the areas identified as hot spots
- Penalize people caught dumping on our streets with fines and/or community work
- Ask the Department of Race and Equity to make District 7 a priority in order to eradicate illegal dumping from our neighborhoods.





We Also Committed To Do Our Part By Helping With The Cleaning Of Our Streets In Collaboration With Our Council Member And The Mayor's Office.





In February 2017, we followed up with an accountability meeting. Our elected officials met with around 400 people. They reported back about the work progress

February 2017

Almost simultaneously, 200 people gathered at Esperanza Elementary school, East Oakland, to address the impact of illegal dumping on the students' learning.

We met with OPW Director Jason Mitchell and other members of his staff.

- We presented our concerns and walked the streets with them to show the real situation.
- OPW Director was asked to make the school's surroundings a priority for street cleaning.



Oakland Public Works Director Jason Mitchell (in forefront) signing in at our meeting.



By July 2017

The city approved a \$1.4 million increase for an additional OPW blitz crew and to purchase new equipment.



However, the streets continued to pile up with more and more garbage.

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August 3, 2017

STILL TOO MUCH TRASH

**Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and City Council President Larry Reid
Hear Community Pleas for Strong Enforcement Against Illegal Dumping at
TRASH TALKS Town Hall Meeting, August 3, 6 p.m., St. Louis Bertrand
Church, 1410 100th Ave. (Cafeteria), Oakland 94603**

67,260 POUNDS. That's the humongous amount of trash collected since the November elections by supporters and volunteers from **Oakland Community Organizations (OCO)**, St. Louis Bertrand Church and allies in monthly cleanups in East Oakland flatlands.

The Thurs., Aug. 3 event is the latest of OCO-hosted community meetings with city officials, which have drawn more than 1,000 people. "Illegal dumping is still a huge problem for our families and an eyesore in our neighborhood," says OCO volunteer leader Angel Patiño. "There's been real progress but we need more to fix the problem."

Car Parts. Broken Computers. Old Mattresses. Dead Animals. Discarded Furniture. Overflowing Garbage Bags. Etc. Illegal dumping is a major contributor to street trash and blight. It's a harmful mess that affects residents in East Oakland flatlands and the entire Bay Area. Studies have shown that poor quality environment, including high amounts of trash, are associated with poor health—mental and physical. And there's more: Garbage on our streets becomes garbage in our Bay. Illegal dumping in Oakland and other Bay Area cities creates street trash, which can flow through local storm drains, into creeks and out into San Francisco Bay. As a result, the City of Oakland and other area cities may face costly penalties.

To put an end to these problems, OCO, St. Louis Bertrand, City Hall and allies—including union members and environmental activists like Save the Bay—are building a growing movement to make changes and find solutions. At the Aug. 3 TRASH TALKS Town Hall Meeting, city officials will discuss their plans and City Hall's progress to date in fighting illegal dumping, including allocation of new funds for this purpose in Oakland's 2017-2019 budget.

ABOUT OCO: Oakland Community Organizations is a 39-year-old nonpartisan social justice group of congregations, schools and allied organizations that serve 40,000 families in Oakland, mostly people of color and those with low income. OCO is part of PICO, the nation's largest grassroots organizing network. 7200 Bancroft Ave., #2 Eastmont Mall, Oakland 94605, 510.639.1444



In August 2017, 200 people met with city officials for 2nd report to which the following proposals were requested:

- Approval of funds for second illegal dumping crew and track the money
- Expedite hiring process for new illegal dumping crew
- Advise the city as to where to place cameras and send list to call center
- Monitor OPW's report for reaching its goal to keep trash out of drains
- Support and approval of \$5 million to eradicate illegal dumping
- Ask the Department of Race and Equity to support and become involved
- Mayor committed to lobby Cal Recycles to improve enforcement
- Mayor's office will continue to support monthly/quarterly cleanups
- Mayor re-committed with these words **“to prioritize services to those who have the least. WE have priority in putting most resources in places that suffer the most.”**

April 2018

600 people gathered at a meeting with the Mayor Schaaf, City Council members, OPW leadership and other city officials.

We continued demanding the budget increase to eradicate illegal dumping from our streets.





In June 2018, the City agreed to:

- Hire 7 new Street Maintenance workers
- Hire 5 new Environmental Enforcement Officers
- Start picking up trash proactively
- Install \$250,000 of lighting in dumping spots





December 2018, Large Action At EBAYC with the Mayor

- 200 people gathered for a meeting at East Bay Asian Youth Center to ask our Mayor how she planned to work with us to get our Flatlands neighborhoods cleaned up and cared for.
- We also celebrated the second budget increase approval of \$1.4 million dollars in June by the council members.



Our LOC Throughout 2019

- Talked to over 1000 neighbors at their churches, schools, and community organizations about the effort.
- Took the media on a Reality Tour comparing the Mayor's neighborhood to the community's neighborhood
- Brought 600 people to a neighborhood meeting where the Mayor and City Council members agreed to their demands.
- Hundreds went to City Council budget meetings







IN JAN 2020, THE CITY LAUNCHED THE *Oaktown* PROUD,
An initiative to help prevent and report illegal dumping in our
neighborhood



In Early 2020, We Had Meeting With Supervisor Nate Miley And Erin Armstrong With Our ***Oaktown Proud*** Hats



Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic The Illegal Dumping Crisis Increased Significantly

- Abandoned vehicles populated the city
- Piles of Illegal Dumping Invaded our city

We resumed LOC meetings via Zoom in August 2020. with the goal of continuing to hold our city officials accountable to the work and to avoid miss allocations of the funding.



In September 2022 we had an action on zoom entitled “Get the Trash out of Oakland” with 250 people.



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ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY

Get the Trash out of Oakland! ¡Saque la basura de Oakland!

6:30 p.m. Monday, September 19, Zoom
6:30 pm. Lunes 19 de septiembre, Zoom



In front of Elmhurst Library, East Oakland / Frente a la Biblioteca Elmhurst, del Este de Oakland



In front of Montclair Library, Oakland Hills / Frente a la Biblioteca Montclair, de las Montañas de Oakland

Oakland flatlands families are in a health and safety crisis! **Illegal dumping** and **abandoned vehicles** have put our flatland families and communities in a state of emergency. Homeless encampments and the unhoused communities' health are at risk. We will bring these deplorable conditions in front of our elected and appointed officials. We need solutions now! **Let's unite to make our city beautiful again.**

Las familias en las áreas planas de Oakland están en una crisis de salud y seguridad! El tiradero ilegal de basura y los vehículos abandonados han puesto a nuestras familias y comunidades de estos vecindarios en estado de emergencia. Los campamentos de personas sin hogar y la salud de las comunidades sin hogar están en riesgo. Presentaremos estas condiciones deplorables frente a nuestros funcionarios electos y asignados. ¡Necesitamos soluciones ahora! **Unámonos para embellecer nuevamente nuestra ciudad.**

Register/ Registrarse:



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Vecindarios Trabajando Juntos Sin Quejarse

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We met with Council members Nikki Bas, Carol Fife, Noel Gallo, Treva Reid, Mayor Schaaf's Chief of Staff, and other city officials.

We shared powerful testimonies and urged them to identify the root causes of ongoing:

- Illegal dumping,
- Littering, and
- Abandoned vehicles

We demanded that they implement solutions to change behaviors and gave them the following suggestions...



Our suggestions were the following:

- We asked that the 126 Public Works vacancies be filled by streamlining the hiring process and working with private industry to implement best hiring practices.
- We provided the Department Of Transportation potential solutions to address abandoned vehicles.
- We asked that the mayor's representative, council members, and officials from Public Works and the Department of Transportation work collaboratively with representatives from Waste Management, Bart, CalTrans, Amtrak, Alameda County and private companies to address illegal dumping and the clean up of locations where multiple agencies own properties.
- We asked for a commitment to clean and remove abandoned vehicles, remove all debris, and find homes for residents of the encampment in the area around 45th & Bond Street, an area located near Fremont High School, a presbyterian church, a plaza with a large grocery store and other businesses serving the community. We proposed to the city officials that the continuous oversight of this area become a pilot program, used as a model for the city workers to learn from and replicate across all of Oakland that continues to suffer from the blight.

In less than 3 weeks, one person was killed, another wounded behind the grocery store on 45th & Bond.





November 2022 Press Conference: *ULTIMATUM*

We held a press conference at 45th & Bond Street to issue an Ultimatum to City officials because of their lack of response to our September Action.



Since this press conference there has been very little done to change this location and this is affecting the quality of life of residents in this area.

However, we are continuing to have monthly accountability meetings with our elected and city officials.



What We've Accomplished

Through our continued advocacy we won \$4.9 million dollars:

- To increase human capacity
- To purchase new equipment
- To hire five environmental enforcement officers
- For proactive street cleaning at hotspots
- To purchase advanced cameras to be installed in the most affected areas
- For monthly bulky block parties where on the 4th Saturday of the month Oakland residents can drop off large furniture, appliances, tires, trash, etc. For free

Illegal Dumping Equipment (one-time)	375,000	925,000	490,000	1,790,000		
One Illegal Dumping Blitz Crew	314,300		871,149	1,185,449	Total of four (4) Illegal Dumping Blitz Crews	
Two Illegal Dumping Blitz Crew		686,600		686,600		
Environmental Enforcement (EEOs)Program		716,000		716,000	Four (4) EEOs and One (1) Supervisor	
Education Campaign and Outreach		50,000	50,000	50,000	150,000	OakTown PROUD Campaign starting in October
Illegal Dumping Enforcement and Rewards Program to strengthen collection and rewards.			50,000	50,000	100,000	Program Specifics (To Be Determine)
Illegal dumping cameras in addition to Mayor's allocation				100,000	100,000	Program Specifics (To Be Determine)
Funding for Bulky Block Party for 1-Year			240,000	-	240,000	Extending these monthly events
	TOTALS	689,300	2,377,600	340,000	1,561,149	4,968,049

GRAND TOTAL \$4,968,049

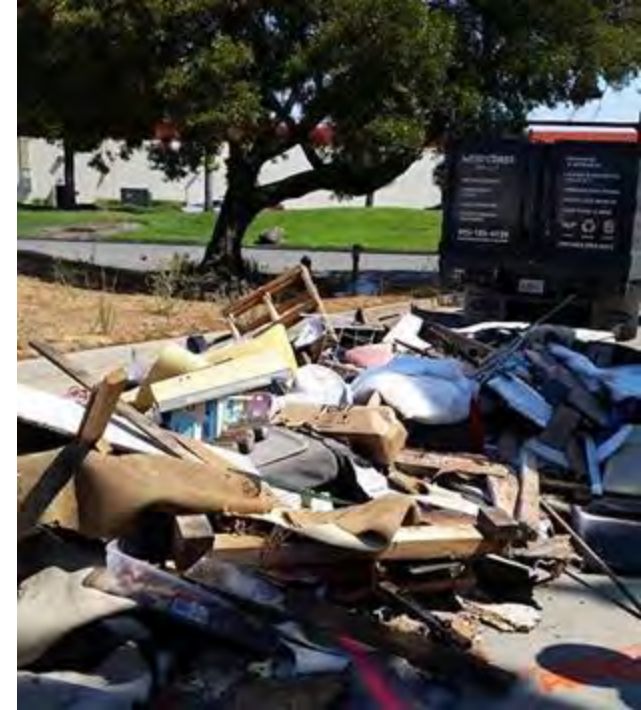
Additional Positions for illegal Dumping - Over Four (4) Years

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Public Works Maintenance Workers	3.00	5.00		3.00	11.00	Illegal Dumping Blitz Crew
Street Maintenance Leaders	1.00	2.00		1.00	4.00	Illegal Dumping Blitz Crew
Environmental Enforcement Officers		4.00			4.00	Environmental Enforcement Program
Clean Community Supervisor		1.00			1.00	Environmental Enforcement Program
Public Works Supervisor				1.00	1.00	Illegal Dumping Blitz Crew
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THIS IS WHERE WE ARE
RIGHT NOW!

**WHAT OUR STREETS
CONTINUE LOOK LIKE!**



**WE WILL
CONTINUE
ORGANIZING UNTIL
OUR STREETS GET
CLEANED**

- We are not giving up!
- This is a racial and equity issue!
- Our families deserve a better response from our elected officials
- Our taxes must work for every Oakland resident, not just Privileged neighborhoods

THANK YOU

WE WILL NOW TAKE QUESTIONS

