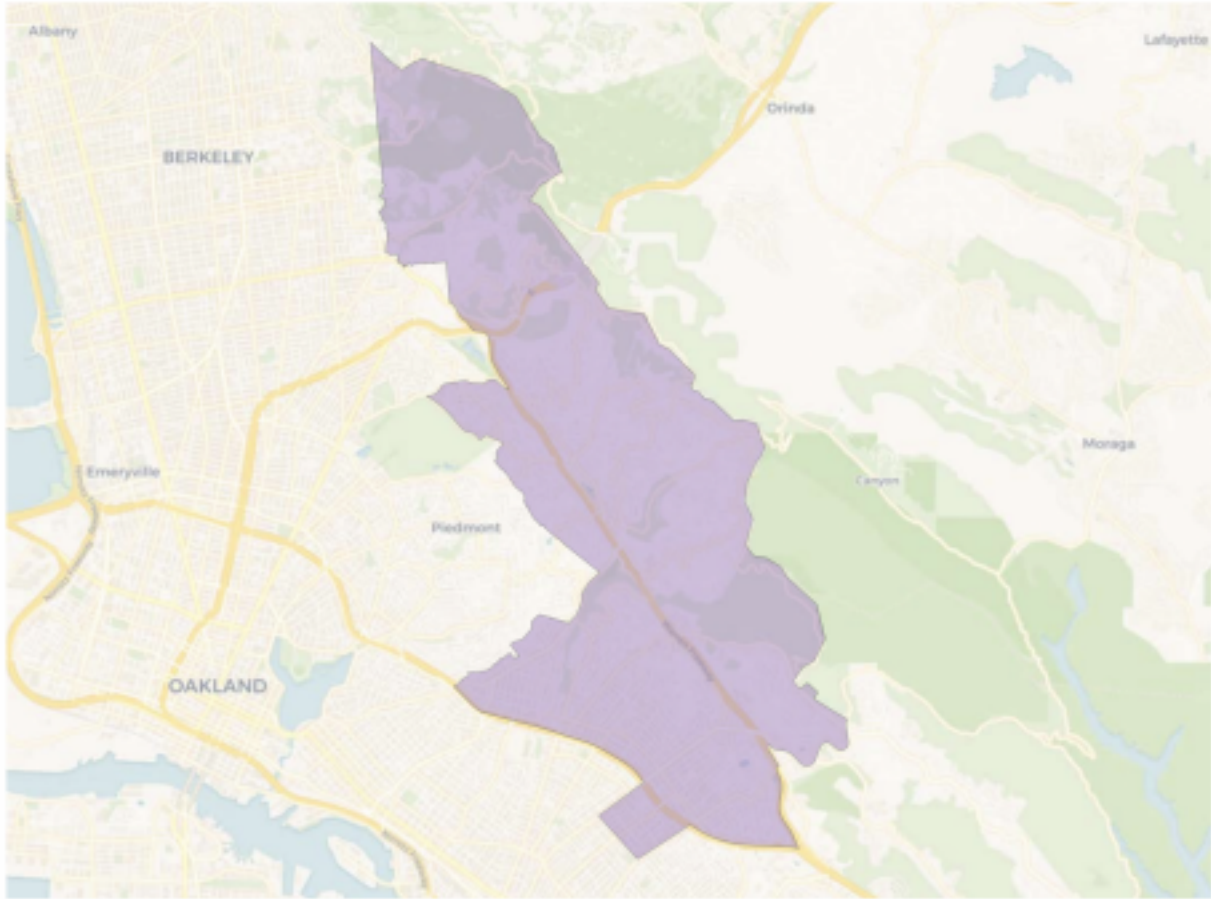


Oakland City Council District 4 District Report



Like all districts, District 4 was redrawn after the 2020 census. The district lost a chunk of Fruitvale and gained a chunk of the north hills neighborhoods above Montclair and Rockridge. (You can see a comparison map here: https://cao-94612.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/City-of-Oakland-Draft-Plan-F5-with-Current_2020_Large_Cover.pdf.) All Oakland city council districts have around 62,000 residents. The citizen voting age population (i.e., the population eligible to vote; “CVAP”) is 45,000. The CVAP of the district is about 63% “other” (which is mainly white people), 9% Latino¹, 18% Asian, and 10% Black. Before redistricting, the district CVAP was only about half white and 20% Black, so this is a not insignificant change.

The current incumbent for District 4 is Sheng Thao, who is vacating the seat to run for mayor with a broad progressive and labor coalition behind her. So far, only one other candidate has been mentioned as a possibility for this open seat: Renia Webb, who is Sheng Thao’s chief of staff, although it is unclear at this point if she is actually going to run for the seat.

¹“Latino” is used here because it is the word used by the redistricting commission.

Oakland City Council elections are nonpartisan, with ranked choice voting, and a single election in November. In 2018, when Sheng was elected, 25,000 people voted in the council election, with the vote split among seven candidates for an open seat. Sheng received 8,750 first place votes; her nearest competition, Pamela Harris, who was more austerity oriented and became the moderate alternative once another candidate dropped out of the race, received 6,825 first place votes. After seven rounds of STV counting, Sheng won 11,736 to 9,960.

Under the Oakland Campaign Finance Act, the maximum amount of money any entity (including DSA) can give to a city council candidate is \$900.

It's hard to pull precise membership numbers in the district because we don't have full address information, but for those people in our database who have address information, we have about 80 members in district and another 1600 people on our email list.