

OPBC 2024-2025 Midcycle Adjustments Budget Platform

Housing

- Adopt Short Term Rental (STRs) regulations that minimize the impact of STRs on the city's housing stock. Determine how much Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) is generated from STRs.
- Fund Rental Inspections Unit
- Implement Measure U equitably and fairly.
- Build and preserve more affordable and low-income housing.
- Identify the portion of assessed but uncollected impact fees that represents future payments due from projects that have been issued building permits and paid their first installment, and appropriate that amount to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for housing development and preservation.
- Determine how much Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) is generated from Short-Term Rental Housing and appropriate 100% of those revenues to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- No staff cuts or hiring freezes in the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) since this will not help balance the General Fund.
- Preserve and increase investment in direct legal and counseling services for low-income tenants including funding for eviction defense and anti-displacement programs.
- Establish a replenishable fund to immediately provide relocation assistance to tenants subject to no-fault evictions when landlords fail to make these required payments. These amounts can be recovered by the City from rental owners via invoice, actionable liens on the property, or court filings. City funding for this would be similar to existing provisions in the Code Enforcement Relocation Ordinance (O.M.C. 15.60.080).
- When new (non-budgeted) funds for homelessness are received, prioritize purchases of available hotels and motels as the most direct, efficient, and least costly alternative to removing people from the streets into adequate accommodations.

Work & Economy

- No Layoffs of City Staff.
 - Protect and maintain all Department of Workplace and Employment Standards staff responsible for helping low wage workers recover earnings lost to wage theft.
 - Ensure that all outstanding business tax revenues are collected to protect city services.

Arts & Culture

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- No cuts to Cultural Affairs
- Commit to completing all approved hires
- Fund enrichment programming and youth employment programs
- Commit to researching alternative/additional methods of funding cultural affairs, e.g., take a percentage of tax sales at city-owned venues to support the arts
- Commit to strategies to prevent the displacement of artist and cultural workers and their practices

Community Safety

- Prevent cuts to the department of violence prevention, which promotes healing in community.
- Cut the Shotspotter contract to fund effective violence prevention programs.
- Deploy special funds from lead abatement lawsuit settlement.

Responsive Government

- \$100K for public ethics commission to enforce Measure W Democracy Dollars.
- Prohibit contracting out and start contracting in to ensure preservation of City Staff and efficacy of service delivery.
- Cut the Oakland Police Department budget to the greatest extent possible.
- Stop Oakland Police Department's irresponsible overspending, wasteful programming and spending.
- No Cuts to Head Start programs
- Invest in immigrant and Indigenous Mam-speaking communities' language access
- Require a new section in all Agenda Reports to City Council, titled, "Budget Authorization." The narrative would require identifying the requested expenditure with an approved and adequate balance for the budget category, or documented evidence of committed new funds for the requested expenditure.
- Control OPD overspending
- Civilianize OPD Internal Affairs as approved in FY 2023-2025 budget.

*The **Oakland People's Budget Coalition** (formed in late 2013 as ReFund & ReBuild Oakland by community, labor, and faith groups) is formed by Anti Police-Terror Project, Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment, Black Arts Movement Business District – Community Development Corporation, Causa Justa Just Cause, Centro Legal de la Raza, Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice, East Bay Alliance for a*

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