



Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker Newsletter

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Special Events/Save the Date

Saturday, February 9th –

Emergency Preparedness Fair

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Harbor Bay Community Center, 3195 Mecartney Rd. in Alameda

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Alameda County Community Asset Network

I want to share information about an exciting group of organizations, the Alameda County Community Asset Network (Alameda County CAN), and the work they are doing to help increase income & assets of Alameda County residents. Alameda County CAN's work is very timely in the wake of housing crisis and tough economic times

Alameda County CAN is developing a wide range of strategies, services, and activities to serve low to moderate income Alameda County residents. For example, a person can work with a financial counselor provided by Alameda County CAN to understanding how our banking system works and this counselor can help them access the financial products that are right for them such as a pre-paid debit card, a checking account or low-cost loan.

I am very excited about Alameda County CAN will help many residents in our county develop more financial literacy and accumulate assets such as owning a home and furthering their education. For more information, you should visit Alameda County CAN's website at www.alamedacountycan.org to see all the work this network is embarking on. Plus you can get more information about Alameda County CAN on my next Comcast show. Keep an eye out for it later this month!

State of the County Wrap-Up

On January 24th, I held my State of the County for District Three event at the San Leandro Main Library. I presented some of this past year's accomplishments as well as laid out my plans for this year.

I was happy to report on the progress in redevelopment in the San Lorenzo area such as the Village Walk project on Bockman Road; I talked about the exciting services geared toward young people including the passage of the Social Host Ordinance and the Foster Youth Initiative; and I informed everyone about the "Health is not Just Healthcare" Initiative.

I am glad that many people endured the rain and cold that evening to come out and hear my presentation. If you could not make it out that night, you still have two opportunities to hear my presentation in the coming weeks. First, I will be speaking to the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce on February 13th at noon for the monthly luncheon. This will take place at the San Leandro Marina Community Center which is located at 15301 Wicks Blvd. Second, I will present at the Alameda Chamber of Commerce on February 28th at noon. Call my office for more information on these events. I hope to see you there!

Community Events / Announcements

San Leandro School District Open House – Come to the San Leandro Unified School District Open House on February 7th starting at 6 pm. Receive updates on the Measure B bond and view architectural drawings of the 9th grade campus. Also there will be a Student Art Exhibit and much more. At San Leandro High School – Student exhibits in the Cafeteria and Measure B in Library. Address is 2200 Bancroft Avenue. For more information contact 667-3540.

Public Workshop on Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance & Historic Register – The Alameda County Parks, Recreation and Historic Commission (PRHC) is currently developing a Historic Preservation Ordinance for the Unincorporated Areas of Alameda County. The PRHC is holding a public workshop on the draft ordinance on Thursday February 7th at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at 22 W. Winton Ave. Room 160 in Hayward. The public will be able to provide comment on the draft ordinance. For more information, please call 670-6120 or via email Angela.robinsonpinon@acgov.org.

Free E-Waste Collection – Bring your E-Waste to Arroyo High School on Saturday February 9th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and help out the environment! You can bring items such as TVs, computer monitors, computers, laptops, printers. For more information and complete list of accepted items, you can visit the website, www.ewastedropoff.com. This event is sponsored in part by the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce & Oro Loma Sanitary District.

East Bay League of Conservation Voters Benefit Event – Join me and Oakland City Councilmember Pat Kernighan on Wednesday, February 20 from 5:30 – 7:30 at Scott's Restaurant in Jack London Square for the Conservation Voters "Vote for the Environment" Benefit. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. For more information contact Danny Wan at wan.danny@gmail.com or Gilda Gonzalez at gilda2000@yahoo.com.

The Princess Project Dress Drive – The Port of Oakland's Asian Employment Association (AEA) is sponsoring a Dress Drive for the Princess Project from now until February 20th. The Princess Project promotes self-confidence & individual beauty by providing free prom dresses and accessories to high school girls who cannot otherwise afford them. So drop off your dresses that might be just hanging in your closet! To drop off a dress, swing by the Port of Oakland building at 530 Water Street in Oakland. For more information, please contact Imee at 627-1479.

Spanish Speaking Citizens' Foundation "Leaping Forward Together" Benefit Gala – SSCF presents its annual benefit gala presenting an Evening with Paul Rodriguez – Original Latin Kings of Comedy. On Friday February 29 (Leap Day) at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive, in Oakland. Event begins at 6:30 with Mr. Rodriguez performing at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$40 - \$150 and you can purchase online at www.sscf.org or by calling 261-7839 x28.

DID YOU KNOW?

The County has a Resource Pocket Book Guide online?

The "Alameda County Resource Pocket Guide" is published by Alameda County Public Health Department and is a valuable resource for Alameda County residents, clients and businesses. The Guide has a comprehensive list of social and public service/governmental agencies that include the agency's name and telephone number. To view it online or to download go to:

www.acphd.org

The link to the Guide is the last entry on the department's home page under "News/Announcements."