

The Platform

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MGO DEMOCRATIC CLUB presents



MEASURE Y PARCEL TAX FORUM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

DIMOND LIBRARY, 3565 FRUITVALE AVENUE, OAKLAND;

Directions: Take 580 East to the Fruitvale Avenue Exit and exit. Turn left onto Fruitvale Avenue and go two-tenths of a mile to the library, on the left.



In 2004, Oakland voters approved the Violence Prevention & Public Safety Act (Measure Y), providing \$20 million a year for violence prevention programs, police officers and fire services.

Guest speakers confirmed:

Maya Dillard-Smith, Chair-Measure Y Oversight Committee
Jeff Baker, City Administration Office, Measure Y Staff member

Has the Measure met expectations? Can the City of Oakland sustain 803 police officers based on the current Measure Y - Violence Prevention Funds? What are the programs contributing to violence prevention? Attend and ask these questions and more!

Note:

The Oakland City Auditor Courtney A. Ruby's office is currently conducting an auditing of the Measure Y - Violence Prevention Funds. We're hoping that audit is completed in time for this meeting.

For more information go to www.mgoclub.org.

And as usual Non-members are always welcome to attend at no cost!

President's Message, January 2009



It's fitting—and most satisfying—for us to begin the New Year with the Obama inaugural, bringing to completion the work so many of you did in that election, and in the local and statewide races as well. It's a wonderful beginning and a satisfying ending to work well done.

But—much work remains. California faces a budget impasse that threatens education, social services and jobs in our state, as the state will almost certainly run out of money by late February or early March. The Dems in Sacto managed to pass a budget in both houses of the legislature, only to have Schwarzenegger veto it, returning us to a state of chaos in the state.

What can you do? Contact the governor, and tell him how frustrated you are with the games being played in Sacramento at the expense of the citizens of our state. We understand that calls get “extra points” if people seem intense about their opinions, so give it all you've got!

To contact the governor, go to:

Email: <http://gov.ca.gov/interact>.

Phone: 916 445 2841, ext. 0

Post: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

We also have much other work to do in our state in longer-range terms to get off the constant-crisis budget which prevents planning at many levels tied to state funding. If we are to move forward as a state, we need to get control of our dollars and our priorities, so we can chart a reasonable future for our growing population.

Happy New Year—now let's back to work!!

Judy Cox



Events, activity notices and articles of interest to Democrats to the Platform Newsletter. Submission limit- 250 words.



City of Oakland Economic Stimulus List-Public Safety

Project Description	Funding Required	Jobs
Fleet Replacements	\$38,000,000	30
New Police Administration Building, to replace seismically vulnerable and obsolete Admin Building	\$450,000,000	300
Emergency Generators	\$8,000,000	10
Replacement of three fire stations	\$90,000,000	60
New Multi-Service Training facility for Police and Fire Departments	\$50,000,000	33
Various capital improvements at existing fire stations and public safety facilities	\$15,000,000	10
Mobile Incident Command Post	\$503,333	6
Prisoner Transport Vehicles	\$260,000	3
Automatic Vehicle Locating (AVL) Systems	\$1,056,306	12
Oakland's Special Prosecution Project	\$612,000	6
Oakland Police Department Data/Voice Network	\$1,100,000	12
Patrol Vehicle Acquisition	\$1,740,000	20
"Grow Our Own" Police Recruitment Program	\$1,900,000	24
Replacement Helicopter	\$2,500,000	30
311 Citizen Relationship Management (CRM) System	\$3,000,000	36
Enhanced Public Safety Equipment Program	\$3,300,000	39
Public Safety Information Technology Infrastructure Enhancement	\$3,610,000	43
Oakland Fire Boat	\$4,000,000	48
Surveillance Camera Network	\$5,600,000	67
Interoperable Communications	\$8,000,000	96
Oakland CompStat	\$1,325,000	16
TOTAL	\$689,506,639	901

Other List items include:

Housing \$20,000,000; 240
 Streets/Roads: \$349,280,000; 740
 Water: \$284,050,000; 233

CDBG: \$423,224,000; 339
 Energy: \$86,300,000; 392

Source: City of Oakland Mayors Office

16th

Assembly District Delegate ELECTION RESULTS

Men:

Abel Guillen

Joel Freid

WAYNE NISHIOKA

Mark Briggs

Dan Rush

Jakadi Imani

Women:

Sumi Marie Paranjape

Ronnie Caplane

Frieda Edgette

Alice Fried

Esperanza Tervalon-Daumont

Tara Marchant

14th

Assembly District Delegate ELECTION RESULTS

Women:

Janet Stromberg

Christine Smith

Karen Hemphill

Kristi Davis

Kathleen Klein

Lucy Sells

Men:

Nicholas Gonzalez Yuen

DAN KALB

Andres Jimenez

Jason Overman

Don Goldmacher

Michael Barnett

NEXT MGO E- BOARD MEETING

February 2nd, 2009

7:00pm-9:00pm

Crestmont Building in

Piedmont Gardens

Main floor-Small Dining Room

At 41st Street (off Piedmont)

Sign in at the 41st Street desk

MGO ADVOCACY

Sept, 16th 2008

Concurrent Meeting of the ORA / City Council

Whistleblower Protection

- Gary Sirbu
- Ralph Kanz

Whistleblower Program Funding

- Judy Cox

Note: Whistle Blower program tested: Lt. Lawrence Green, a patrol commander and SWAT team leader, accuse Tucker of misappropriating public funds by making Oakland Police Officers Association President Robert Valladon an "acting sergeant" last year - a move that increased Valladon's pay and the amount of monthly pension payments he can receive upon retirement.

Green's complaint, which also was sent to the police Internal Affairs Green, a veteran of more than 20 years, filed the document in late December with auditor Courtney Ruby under a new whistle-blower program that followed the firing of former City Administrator Deborah Edgerly last year.

[Oakland Tribune](#), 01/05/2009

Oct 21st, 2008

Concurrent Meeting of the ORA / City Council

Neptism In City Employment

- Judy Cox
- Gary Sirbu

Oct. 28th, 2008

Finance & Management Committee

Amendments to the Sunshine Ordinance

- Gary Sirbu

Nov. 3rd, 2008

Special Concurrent Meeting of the ORA / City Council

Neptism In City Employment

- Judy Cox
- Gary Sirbu
- Marcus Johnson

2010 Limited Public Financing Program Suspension

- Judy Cox

Dec. 9th, 2008

Special Concurrent Meeting of the ORA / City Council

Anti-Neptism Policy Amendment

- Judy Cox
- Gary Sirbu

Thank you for all your hard work! This new presents even more challenges and opportunities for Advocacy. All members are encouraged to participate.

MGO ELECTION HONOR ROLL

Listed below is a partial report on MGO members who were actively involved in the November election.

Congratulations to all MGOers who got out there and worked to elect Obama and our state and local candidates.

Voter Registration

Jean Brown

Phone Banking

Helen Maxwell
Judy Cox (Obama, Kaplan)
Mary Bergan
Dan Kalb (Obama, Kaplan, Buchanan, No on 8))

Walking Precincts

Judy Cox (Buchanan)
Mary Bergan
Dan Kalb (Kaplan)

Organizing

Elizabeth Echols (co-chair UDC office in Oakland)
Terry Sandoval (Kerry Hamil)

Out of State Work

Helen Maxwell (Las Vegas)
Mary Bergan

We know there are more of you, and would appreciate your reporting to Judy Cox (595. 7402; judyacox@comcast.net) so we can recognize your efforts.

More Inauguration Events

Obama Ball 09 - An Inauguration Celebration

January 20, 2009 6:00pm to 11:00pm
1736 Franklin St., Oakland

Join us at the Bay Areas premier Inauguration and fund raising event! Join Celebrities, Political leaders other Obama-ites in the celebration of this historic event. Enjoy our Rebroadcast of the inauguration, live feed from The Inauguration Ball in DC, gourmet buffet and dancing. For more information call 510 478-7727, or visit <http://www.californiaballroom.com>

INAUGURAL BALL

January 20, 2009 7:30pm - 11 pm
Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakland

Live Music, Hors D'oeuvres, No Host Bar and Inaugural Highlights. Cocktail Attire. In conjunction with the Gala, kick off the evening with Pre-Ball Prix Fixe dinners (only \$30/person) starting at 5-5:30 at these fine Oakland restaurants (Call restaurant to reserve, tell them you will be attending the Ball!): A Cote Restaurant, Bellanico, Citron, Garibaldi's, Il Porcellino, Italian Colors, Marica Seafood Restaurant, and Oliveto

For more information call 510.506.4698
Advance Tickets \$35, after January 13 tickets will be \$45.
Valet Parking available.

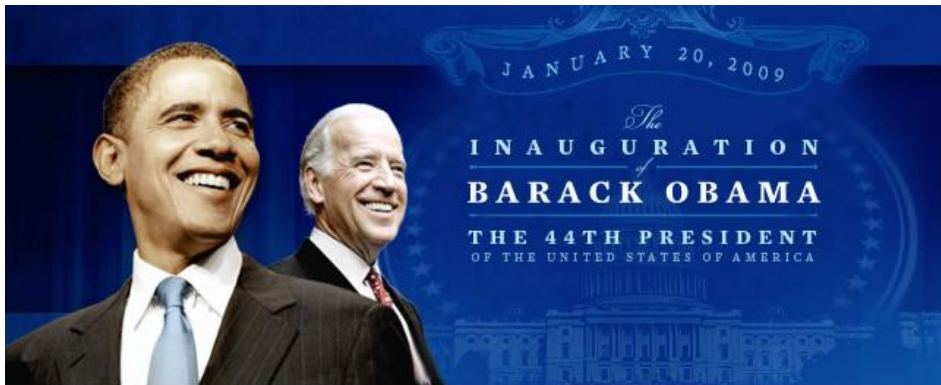
Measure Y Forum-Violence Prevention
on Jan. 29th form 7:30-9:00



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PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION COMMUNITY VIEWING

Tuesday, January 20, 2009 8:00 A.M. At the Oakland ORACLE Arena

"Unity for the Sake of Change"

A special community viewing of Barack Obama's inauguration and acceptance speech will be held at the Oakland-Alameda County ORACLE Arena. Numerous community-based organizations will be tabling to give attendees an opportunity to get informed and involved. Tickets are \$5 per person and are available for purchase at the Coliseum Box office and online at www.ticketmaster.com. Parking will be free. For more information call 510.272.6695

Also tune into ABC at 8:00 ET/PT to watch the main event and hear musical performances by Beyonce, Mary J. Blige, Mariah Carey, Faith Hill, Jay-Z, Alicia Keys, Shakira, Stevie Wonder and Nick Cannon (as DJ).

On January 19th, Disney will broadcast "Kid's Inaugural" from 8:00 - 9:30pm (ET). The lineup includes: The Jonas Brothers, Miley Cyrus, Demi Lovato, Bow Wow, Billy Ray Cyrus, Keke Palmer and Usher