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ALAMEDA COUNTY ASSESSOR



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Message from Assessor La

Dear Alameda County Residents,

Throughout the month of May, we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! It's during this time that we remember and recognize the influence, history, and culture of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. AAPI members continue to make tremendous contributions in our society.

This past weekend we also celebrated Memorial Day honoring our fallen soldiers who gave their lives for our Country. We remain forever grateful and will never forget their bravery and sacrifice for us all.

This month we hosted our 3rd Annual Homeowners Fair on May 25th, at the Downtown Fremont Event Center, in the City of Fremont! It was wonderful seeing so many Alameda County Residents in- person at this year's fair. The topic for this year's fair was Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU'S). ADUs have many names, often called granny flats, in-law units, backyard cottages and secondary units. ADU's are a great way to elevate your living space and are currently of high interest among

homeowners in Alameda County. A big thank you to all of our sponsors and promoters who were a huge part of our events success. We look forward to hosting another Homeowners Fair next year!

Free Legal Clinic to Help Answer Questions:

The Property Transfer Clinic (PTC) is here to help! The PTC is a free legal clinic available to assist property/business owners and constituents on the third Friday of each month. I continue to work with the Alameda County Law Library, the Alameda County Bar Association, Legal Access Alameda, and the Alameda County Library to maintain this clinic and to make it available for Alameda County residents, who do not have access to an attorney. The upcoming PTC is on June 17th. Sign up [HERE!](#)

Community Engagements:

Last month in Fremont, I attended the ribbon cutting event at Ohlone Community College honoring Major General Garrett Yee and his wife Maria Yee with the naming of the student study lounge, the Garrett and Maria Yee Bayview Lounge!

General Yee retired last month from the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), where he served as assistance to the director. General Yee served honorably in the US Army for 35 years.

General Yee was born and raised in Alameda County, living in Fremont for over 40 years. General Yee attended Kennedy High School in Fremont, where he met his wife, Maria Yee who he has been married to for over 30 years. After attending college at Santa Clara University, General Yee joined the Army Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) program which led him to serving his first war tour in 2003. Throughout his time in uniform, General Yee served multiple tours in both Iraq and Afghanistan. A special thank you to Maria Yee for all her sacrifices as General Yee was off at war zones. Military spouses do not get enough recognition for their service at the home front. We greatly appreciate both General Yee and his wife Maria for their dedicated service to our country and community.

Please let the Assessor's Office know if your city, Chamber of Commerce, or organization is hosting an in-person or virtual event that you would like the Assessor's Office to attend.

Let the Assessor's Office know if there's a specific topic you would like to see covered in a future webinar. I encourage you to fill out the poll with possible topics [HERE](#).

Keep an eye out for upcoming programs and tell others to [sign up for our newsletter](#) to get notified of these events, important dates, and deadlines.

In-Office Visits:

The Assessor's Office public counter is now open. We recommend calling or emailing us ahead of time as most issues can be resolved without an in-person visit. To request an in-person appointment, click [HERE](#).

As always, we remain committed to serving the residents of Alameda County.

Sincerely,
Phong La
Alameda County Assessor

In Memory of Norman Mineta



The Alameda County Assessor's Office honors the memory of the first Asian American Cabinet Secretary, Norman Mineta. He was a trailblazer for the Asian American community and one of the key individuals to ground flights and spearhead TSA safety measures after the attacks of 9/11. Mr. Mineta is remembered as an honorable political leader and will be remembered always for his many lifelong contributions as well as his commitment to making our world safer.

Dates & Deadlines

May 1 - 31 - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May 22 - Harvey Milk Day

May 25 - Alameda County Assessor's Homeowners Fair

May 30 - Memorial Day

****Please note that event details continue to update frequently due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.***

Assessor in the Community



Photo of Assessor La with Major General Garrett and his wife Maria Yee at the grand ribbon cutting naming of the student study area, the Garrett and Maria Yee Bayview Lounge, at Ohlone Community College, in Fremont.



Photo of Assessor staff member, Samantha Hing, at the Hively Family Resource Center (HFRC) grand opening and ribbon cutting in Dublin.



Property Transfer Clinic

Do you have questions about:

- The Assessment Process in Alameda County
- Transferring property to family members
- What happens to property after the death of a loved one
- Common exclusions from reassessment

Talk with a volunteer attorney for a
FREE 30-minute consultation.

Clinics are held every third Friday of every month. Visit
<https://appointments.aclibrary.org/appointments/lawyers>



Upcoming Dates:

May 20th, 2022
June 17th, 2022
July 15th, 2022

Appointments begin at
12:30PM.

The Property Transfer Clinic is a partnership between the Alameda County Library, the Alameda County Law Library, and Legal Access Alameda. It is funded by the Alameda County Assessor's Office.

The next Property Transfer Clinic's will take place on June 17th. Please visit the link [HERE](#) to make an appointment with a volunteer attorney for a free 30-minute consultation.

Profile: Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce



The Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce was established in 1991 and represents close to one hundred small businesses in the City of Oakland. The Chamber focuses on raising public awareness of the strong economic and cultural role played by the local Vietnamese small business community.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Oakland Vietnamese Chamber helped many businesses and families who were struggling. They gathered volunteers to paint local the park and neighborhoods, and worked with local food banks to provide food for many who needed assistance. The Chamber also helped over 200 immigrant owned businesses with assistance to grants and City, County, and State loans. The Chamber continues to serve the local community, by bringing together volunteers for local park and neighborhood clean-ups that improve and help grow the Little Saigon community of Oakland.

The Oakland Vietnamese Chamber holds workshops for small businesses on loans, resource opportunities, and provides information on legal assistance and City grants that could help small businesses grow. The Chamber strives to be an advocate for Vietnamese businesses and entrepreneurs.

For more information on the Oakland Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce, available business resources, and upcoming events, click [HERE](#)

WEBSITE:

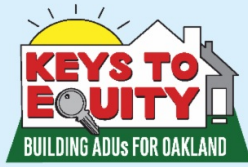
<https://www.oaklandvnchamber.com/>

CHAMBER ADDRESS:

412 8th Street, Suite D
Oakland, CA 94607

Additional Housing and Support Resources

There are numerous housing resources and financial support programs available for qualifying renters and landlords in Alameda County and throughout California. Support is available NOW, so please check out the resources below.



OAKLAND HOMEOWNERS!



**ENROLLMENT IS OPEN
BUT THE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING FAST
FILL OUT THE INTEREST FORM FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

The Keys to Equity program will streamline the process for building Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), create more affordable housing, and provide greater financial stability for homeowners, particularly Black homeowners in Oakland.

Share with friends, family, and neighbors!



www.keystoequity.org

As a result of COVID-19, are you...

Struggling to pay rent?

Owe your landlord past due rent?

**Owe past due payments
on utility bills?**

Are you a landlord who is owed rent?



Keep Fremont Housed Rental Assistance Program



In April 2021, as part of a federal relief package, the City's Human Services Department will be launching **Keep Fremont Housed** to assist Fremont households and landlords financially impacted by COVID-19

Keep Fremont Housed program will:

- Help renters pay past due rent or future rent
- Help renters get caught up on utility bills
- Help landlords supplement owed rent

Sign Up Now

Receive future updates about
Keep Fremont Housed via email.
Visit Fremont.gov/RentalAssistanceList or
Call Family Resource Center at 510.574.2028




Fremont
Human Services Department



Program Eligibility for Renters

- Rental unit must be located in Fremont
- Renter has household income at or below 80% of Area Median Income
- Renter qualifies for unemployment or has experienced reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Renter demonstrates risk of experiencing housing instability or homelessness

Priority given to households who have experienced unemployment for 90 days preceding their program application or have a household income at or below 50% of Area Median Income



Funded by Alameda County Measure A1
and approved by Alameda County taxpayers

Ready to buy your first home?
Down payment assistance is available!

AC Boost provides financial assistance to middle-income working households to purchase a home in Alameda County. The program offers **shared equity loans of up to \$210,000** to first-time homebuyers who live, work, or have been displaced from Alameda County. Application deadlines apply!

Learn more at acboost.org



¿Listo para comprar tu primera casa?

AC Boost ofrece préstamos de asistencia para el pago inicial de hasta \$ 210,000 para compradores de vivienda por primera vez que viven o trabajan en el Condado de Alameda o que han sido desplazados del Condado de Alameda. Asistencia en español está disponible.

準備購買你的第一間房屋嗎？

AC Boost 提供 \$210,000 首期貸款幫助，給予首次買屋者。購房者要在亞拉米達縣 (Alameda County) 居住或工作，或在亞拉米達縣流離失所者。有中文提供幫助。

Bạn đã sẵn sàng để mua ngôi nhà đầu tiên?

AC Boost cung cấp các khoản vay hỗ trợ thanh toán trước lên tới 210.000\$ cho những người mua nhà lần đầu sống hoặc làm việc tại Hạt Alameda hoặc những người phải chuyển nhà khỏi Hạt Alameda. Có hỗ trợ bằng tiếng Việt.

Handa na bang bumili ng unang bahay ninyo?

Ang AC Boost ay nag-aalok ng tulong sa paunang pagbayad na mga pautang ng may hanggang \$210,000 para sa mga unang-beses na mamimili ng bahay na nakatira o nagtrabaho sa Alameda County o sinumang napaalis mula sa Alameda County. May pagtulong sa Tagalog na magagamit.



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AC Boost is funded by Measure A1 Affordable Housing Bond funds and administered by nonprofit organization Hello Housing on behalf of the County of Alameda.

The County of Alameda and Hello Housing do not discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, source of income, genetic information, medical condition, physical disability or mental disability, or any other category protected by law.

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Coronavirus Updates

Covid-19 Testing

Interactive map to find testing sites and schedule appointments – [HERE](#).

Vaccine Distribution

All Alameda County residents, ages 5 and older, are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Alameda County.

- Pfizer is approved for all individuals, ages 5 and older.

- Johnson & Johnson and Moderna is approved for all individuals, ages 18 and older.

For more information on the Pfizer children's vaccine, click [HERE](#).

A comprehensive list of vaccination sites in Alameda County can be found [HERE](#).

Booster / Additional Dose Information

Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson are available as boosters and as additional doses for eligible individuals.

For those individuals who first received a Johnson & Johnson vaccination, a booster shot is recommended by the CDC after 2 months. Here are the current CDC recommendations:

“For the first booster, an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) is preferred in most situations. The second booster must be an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine.”

Second booster doses are currently available for immunocompromised individuals or individuals, ages 50 and older.

If you are eligible for a booster, please visit [HERE](#), or contact your health care provider or local pharmacy.

Please speak with your health care provider and learn if you are eligible for a booster by visiting the California FAQ page on boosters [HERE](#).

Disclaimer:

The contents of this article are intended for informational purposes only and not for the purpose of providing medical advice.

Housing Assistance

OAKLAND - [HERE](#)

EMERYVILLE - [HERE](#)

LIVERMORE - [HERE](#)

Child Care

For Child Care in Alameda County - [HERE](#)

Food Distribution

Interactive map to find food, testing, and services in Alameda County - [HERE](#)

Employment

Alameda County Workforce Development Board - [HERE](#)

Agencies

California Small Business Development Center - [HERE](#)

California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development - [HERE](#)

Alameda County Workforce Development – [HERE](#)

Business Resources by City

ALAMEDA - [HERE](#)

ALBANY - [HERE](#)

BERKELEY - [HERE](#)

DUBLIN - [HERE](#)

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