

# PHONG LA

ALAMEDA COUNTY ASSESSOR



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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

### Message from Assessor La

Dear County Residents,

I hope you and your family have eased into the fall season and are enjoying the beauty Alameda County has to offer this time of year. We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate the diversity of Alameda County along with its natural beauty. October saw the close of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>. Alameda County has a proud Latino

Community and this month gives us time to reflect and honor their contributions. Diwali, known as the Festival of Lights, is India's biggest holiday event and is celebrated every year in the month of October or November. This year, the five-day celebration began on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and celebrates life, light over darkness, and prosperity. I wish for new opportunities, happiness, and joy to everyone celebrating this year. Happy Diwali!

### **Community Engagements**

This month, I enjoyed speaking at a few events in conjunction with various County Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorders. Along with Alameda County's Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder Melissa Wilk, I was a keynote speaker at the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) Northern Chapter conference in the City of Dublin. PRIA provides an important forum that brings property record professionals together to collaborate and provide solutions that best serve our local community. I was also happy to speak at the California Escrow Association Annual Conference. The California Escrow Association is a statewide organization for professional escrow practitioners and dedicated to maintaining the highest standards in escrow through continuing education of escrow personnel. As County Assessor, I believe it is important to maintain strong relationships with the various sectors the Assessor's Office works with to ensure the best possible service to our taxpayers.

My staff and I participated in various events throughout Alameda County, including Hayward's Science in the Park at Cal State East Bay. It was a great turnout filled with science experiments, robotics demonstrations, and entertainment for kids and their families to enjoy. Kudos to Supervisor Valle and his team for a fantastic, free family event.

Please let us know if your organization is hosting an in-person or virtual event that you would like the Assessor's Office to attend. 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 our upcoming programs and tell others to [sign up for our newsletter](#) to get notified of these events, important dates, and deadlines.

### **Assessor Job Opportunity:**

We are looking for a Provisional Auditor Appraiser I to join our Office! For more information on this position, click [HERE](#) to access the job application on Indeed!

### **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 Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Sign up [HERE](#)!

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

Sincerely,  
Phong La  
Alameda County Assessor

## **Small Business Recovery Grant Available**

ALAMEDA COUNTY

## SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY GRANT



GET UP TO **\$10,000** FOR  
YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

Priority funding for impacted communities

Apply today!

SCAN HERE



APPLICATION DEADLINE  
Monday, October 31, 2022

The Alameda County Small Business Recovery Grant Program was authorized by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors when it appropriated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a small business grant program in response to and recovery from the public health emergency and negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPLY AT [ACBUSINESS.ORG](https://www.acbus.org)



## Assessor in the Community



In the photo above, Assessor Phong La presented as a keynote speaker at the Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) Northern Chapter conference, in the City of Dublin.



**County staff member, Samantha Hing, represented the Assessor's Office at Hayward's 2022 Science in the Park, at Cal State East Bay.**



**County officials, City staff, and community members with Hayward teacher, Ms. Davida Scott, honored Alameda County District 2 Supervisor Richard Valle's Adopt-A-Block dedication in the City of Hayward.**





**Garden of Eden staff celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting of their Tri-Valley dispensary, in the City of Livermore. Assessor's staff, Samantha Hing, holding the ribbon on the right, attended the event and presented a congratulations certificate to the owners.**



**The owners and employees of Huckleberry's Breakfast and Lunch Restaurant celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting, in the City of Livermore. Assessor staff, Samantha Hing, on the right holding the red ribbon attended the event and presented Huckleberry's with a congratulations certificate.**



Assessor's staff, Samantha Hing and Mona Barra-Gibson, tabled at the Fremont Job Fair, at the Fremont Downtown Event Center.

## Dates & Deadlines

**Month of October** - Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**October 10** - Indigenous Peoples' Day

**October 15** - Last Day of Hispanic Heritage Month

**October 22 - October 26** - Diwali

**October 31** - Halloween

**December 10** - Legal deadline for filing a late exemption claim for homeowners, veterans and disabled veterans.

**December 10** - Last day to pay first installment of property taxes without penalty.

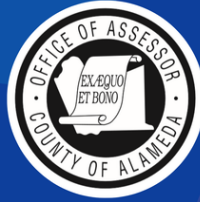
## Resource

# Alameda County Family Justice Center



The Alameda County Family Justice Center (ACFJC) opened their doors in 2005 as a resource for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, child abuse, and elder abuse. The ACFJC was a concept created by Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and is a division of the District Attorney's Office. Their Center is located in downtown Oakland, at 470 27<sup>th</sup> Street.

The ACFJC contains 30 onsite agencies and more than 50 offsite programs for individuals seeking help and resources. Some of the services provided by the Center include crisis intervention, counseling for adults and children, legal assistance, housing assistance, and trauma recovery services. The Center also provides transportation vouchers if needed. The resources of the ACFJC are meant to allow individuals suffering through the most difficult trauma to have support and assistance that can help them navigate through the process. Currently, the ACFJC helps over 10,000 people per year. For more information on the ACFJC, click [HERE](#).



# 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:

November 18th, 2022  
December 16th, 2022  
January 20th, 2023

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 will take place on November 18th. Please visit the link [HERE](#) to make an appointment with a volunteer attorney for a free 30-minute consultation.**

## Profile: Berkeley Chamber of Commerce





The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce was founded in the 1900's as a non-profit organization to support local businesses and the Berkeley community. With a small staff who runs their day-to-day operations, the Chamber focuses on providing education, advocacy, and connection to their members and the local economy. The Chamber is a membership association with 11 different membership levels that businesses can join based on the number of employees in the business. The levels start with businesses that have one to two employees and go all the way up to companies with 201-plus employees.

The Berkeley Chamber hosts business forums, workshops, ribbon cutting ceremonies, and community events each month for its members to attend and participate in. This month, the Chamber with the Berkeley Community Media are celebrating Halloween. They are hosting their 15<sup>th</sup> Annual BCM Horror Film Fest: Evil at the Berkeley Art House and Cultural Gallery. To get more information on this event click [HERE](#). Other programs and events associated with the Chamber are the Women Entrepreneurs of Berkeley, Visionary Awards, Berkeley Today & Tomorrow, and the upcoming [Annual Holiday Gift Fair](#).

For over 129 years, the Chamber remains committed to supporting, inspiring, and promoting business development.

Apply to join the Berkeley Chamber [HERE](#).

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

**WEBSITE:**

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

**CHAMBER ADDRESS:**

1834 University Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94703

## **[Additional Housing and County Support Resources](#)**



**First Time Homebuyers**

Learn about available Down Payment Assistance Programs and Grants such as: AC Boost, CalHFA Equity Builder Loan, WISH, LIFT, ITIN Loan Programs & using your Section 8 Voucher Grants & Assistance from 2k + available

**Homeowners**

Learn about California Mortgage Relief Fund EMAP Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program Available Grants & your options when exiting a forbearance Meet 1:1 with Wells Fargo

Learn about the process of Below Market Rate Properties (BMR's) and how to select the right Realtor

**Speakers include:**

City of Hayward, AC Boost, Bank of America, Silicon Valley Bank, Wells Fargo, East West Bank & HERA

**2022  
4TH ANNUAL  
LET'S TALK  
HOUSING SEMINAR**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2022  
9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM  
CHABOT COLLEGE  
25555 HESPERIAN BLVD  
HAYWARD, CA 94545**

**ADMISSION IS FREE!**

Space is limited register today at:  
[www.a1chs.org](http://www.a1chs.org) or contact us at (510) 674-9227

Partners & Presenters Include:

Elisa Márquez Council Member, City of Hayward



**FREE FOOD & RAFFLES!**



# MPX VACCINATIONS

## Where?

**Every Thursday**

Skywest Golf Course Facility

*Free of Charge*

1401 Golf Course Rd. Hayward, CA 94541

9:00am-3:00pm

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Gay, bisexual, and other men or trans-persons who have sex with men
- Sex workers of any sexual orientation or gender identity
- Persons who have had close contact with someone with suspected/confirmed MPX within the past 14 days
- Persons who had close contact with others at an event or social gathering where a suspected/confirmed MPX case was identified within the past 14 days
- Laboratory workers who routinely perform MPX virus testing
- Clinicians who have had a high-risk occupational exposure (e.g., examined MPX lesions or collected MPX specimens without using recommended personal protective equipment)

## BOOK AN APPT.

**Vaccinations are available  
by appointment only**

Scan to book:



[tinyurl.com/MPX-Skywest](https://tinyurl.com/MPX-Skywest)

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**For More Information Please Contact us at (510) 954-0560**



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](http://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.



[acboost.org](http://acboost.org)  
(510) 500-8840  
[acboost@hellousing.org](mailto:acboost@hellousing.org)



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.

Ver. 7/12/2021



**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 are 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.

Booster shots are recommended to help restore protection and provide further protection from newer variants of the virus.

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.**

**Alameda County Supervisor's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Supervisorial District Community Needs Cash Aid Grants - [HERE](#)**

### **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](#)

EMERYVILLE - [HERE](#)

FREMONT - [HERE](#)

HAYWARD - [HERE](#)

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OAKLAND - [HERE](#)  
PIEDMONT - [HERE](#)  
PLEASANTON - [HERE](#)  
SAN LEANDRO - [HERE](#)  
UNION CITY - [HERE](#)