



CAO's Corner

By Susan S. Muranishi,
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Alameda County has launched two new websites to give the public an inside look at the County budget process and why decisions made in enacting the Annual Budget are crucial to many lives. The new **Alameda County Budget Website**, available at <http://budget.acgov.org/>, is the fruit of a long-term effort to make the County Budget more understandable to residents. The website breaks down the Annual Budget to appeal to users with a wide range of interests. Included is an easy-to-navigate budget overview that shows budget appropriations by program, budget balancing strategies, total available financing by funding source, and an overview of discretionary revenue. It will be updated regularly as we move forward on our budget process for 2014-15. The new **Alameda County Human Impact Budget Website** is a related effort that illustrates the impacts of the many State and federal budget cuts enacted over recent years by telling the stories of people in our community who have been affected. This website is the online companion to the Human Impact Budget Project launched by Supervisor Wilma Chan, with the support of the Board of Supervisors. The Human Impact Budget website, available at <http://www.acgov.org/hib/>, shares the stories of people impacted by cuts, provides facts on budget trends, and empowers people to take action. We believe both efforts have great potential to better inform the community about government decisions and to build public support for the many important services that Alameda County provides.

Coming Soon: New Food Truck Placarding Program

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) in April will begin posting color-coded Placards on all food trucks permitted in the County. This will expand on the existing program at Alameda County fixed food facilities, in which a Placard is earned after an operational inspection.

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12 to Enter Women's Hall of Fame

Twelve outstanding local women will be inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame at the program's annual luncheon on March 29. This year's inductees are:

- **Agnes Ubalde**, Business and Professions. Agnes is an executive with Wells Fargo in Oakland who has spearheaded company efforts to support important community programs.
- **Sallie T. Carey**, Community Service. Sallie has spent four decades leading efforts to support the poor in West Oakland.
- **Liane Yasumoto**, Culture and Art. Liane is the Executive Director of Culture Disability Talent, which supports performers and filmmakers with disabilities.
- **Katherine Dunphy Guzman**, Education. Katherine is a Senior Engineer at Sandia National Laboratories who works to interest women and minorities in careers in Science-Technology-Engineering-Math.
- **Jennifer Krill**, Environment. Jennifer, Executive Director of EarthWorks in Berkeley, advocates for communities negatively impacted by mining and oil/gas production.
- **Carol Brown**, Health. Carol is Coordinator of the California Foster Children's Health Project Task Force in Oakland and a leading expert on health services for foster youth.
- **Monica Anderson**, Justice. Monica works to support young people abused within the network of sex trafficking in the East Bay.
- **Deborah Ale Flint**, Non-Traditional Careers. Deborah is Director of Aviation for the Port of Oakland and chief executive at Oakland International Airport.

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Alameda County Celebrates 4th Project Search Graduation

Alameda County in January congratulated the seven newest graduates from its Project SEARCH internship program, which provides employment training and opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities.

The seven were honored at a special graduation ceremony on January 29, an upbeat occasion that featured talks by County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, Sheriff Gregory Ahern and Joel Sidney, one of the County's first Project SEARCH graduates who now works as a Clerk II for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. The speakers all lauded the seven graduates for their can-do attitudes and dedication. "You have excellent preparation for your future endeavors," Joel told the graduates.

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Alameda County Celebrates Project SEARCH Graduates

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Project SEARCH graduates gathered with their supporters at a graduation ceremony on January 29



The honorees - **James Schuyler Morgan, Jonathan Springer, Debonaire McCann, Dasha Foos, Seleste Rodriguez, Henry Gozan and Martha Ortiz** - are the fourth class to

complete Project SEARCH internships with the County. The program is a partnership between Alameda County, East Bay Innovations and the Oakland Unified School District. It is managed by the Diversity Unit of the County Administrator's Office. Two of the latest graduates have been offered jobs with the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Fellow graduates are pursuing promising leads, added Muranishi, who says the program's success in placing interns into permanent jobs is a source of great pride for Alameda County. Ahern said the Sheriff's Office has hired two Project SEARCH interns and that he won't hesitate to look to the program again. "I recommend this program highly to any employer looking to add to their work force," he said.

Project SEARCH organizers are always on the lookout for potential employers who would be interested in bringing on graduates as employees. Potential employers – and anyone else interested in learning more about Project SEARCH, should call Lori Kotsonas at (510) 618-1580 ext.15 or go to www.eastbayinnovations.org.

Women's Hall of Fame

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- **Alba Witkin**, Philanthropy. Alba is founder of the Bernard E. and Alba Witkin Charitable Foundation, which since 1982 has given more than \$15 million to charitable organizations across the Bay Area.
- **Arlene Blum**, Science, Technology & Engineering. Arlene's research into toxic flame retardants led to new safety standards.
- **Vanessa Hanley Lordi**, Sports and Athletics. Vanessa, an accomplished athlete, recruits women into competitive running.
- **SiLin Huang**, Youth. SiLin was forced by illness to leave high school for two years. She completed her studies, gained entrance to Columbia University and launched a program to educate about Hepatitis B.

For more information on the March 29th luncheon to honor the new inductees go to www.acgov.org/cao/halloffame.

Food Truck Placarding Program

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The Placards: Green, Yellow and/or Red, (or Pass, Conditional Pass and/or Closed, respectively), will be posted on food trucks to provide a simple food safety message for consumers. The growing food truck scene and variety of items offered by food trucks (sushi, rotisserie meats, etc.), have increased the need for a more transparent inspection program. Food truck Placards will feature a "QR" code that can lead customers to the DEH inspection results website. Public meetings will be held after the program's launch. For more information and updates, go to: <http://bit.ly/1fe4XPw>.

Email questions or comments to DEHvehiclesPlacarding@acgov.org, or call 510-567-6700.

State Association Names Daniel Woldesenbet County Engineer of the Year

Alameda County Public Works Agency Director, Daniel Woldesenbet, Ph.D., P.E., has been named County Engineer of the Year by the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC). The award recognizes Woldesenbet for his outstanding contributions to the engineering and management professions and to CEAC. Woldesenbet is well-known for visionary leadership, and for overseeing a department that abides by highest standards of engineering practices to deliver public works projects that protect the environment and improve the community. Woldesenbet has garnered praise for his astute handling of constituency issues, and for insightful analysis of local, regional, national legislative and policy initiatives. In addition to his commitments to Alameda County, Woldesenbet is deeply engaged in several professional organizations including CEAC, the California State Association of Counties and the American Public Works Association.



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New Interim Fire Chief

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has appointed David Rocha as Interim Alameda County Fire Chief. Rocha was the County's Deputy Fire Chief for seven years before his appointment to replace Demetrious Shaffer, who announced his early retirement in December.



Rocha joined the Alameda County Fire Department in 1995 after eight years with the San Leandro Fire Department. As Deputy Fire Chief, he was responsible for the Fire department's administrative services and managed the department budget during challenging financial times. He also has been closely involved in consolidation efforts geared at achieving regional efficiencies in the delivery of fire services.

County Names New ITD Director; Registrar of Voters

The Alameda County Board of Supervisors has unanimously appointed Tim Dupuis as Alameda County's Director of Information Technology and Registrar of Voters. Tim was the County's Interim ITD Director and Registrar of Voters for a year, after serving for 12 years as Chief Technology Officer. He is credited with developing the County's first iPhone/iPad and Android applications and for establishing a smart phone-friendly web portal on Alameda County's award-winning website, ACGOV.ORG. He also has worked closely on important technology upgrades for the Registrar, including projects that garnered national awards. Dupuis replaces Dave Macdonald, who retired in 2012.



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For a calendar of Alameda County events, visit the County website at <http://www.acgov.org/calendar>. Also check the websites of the members of the Board of Supervisors (listed under Board contacts on the left side of this page).