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The last city council meeting of the legislative session is starting tonight, the bigger deal things today: ordinance to sell Measure U bonds, Curran class action settlement, raft of contract policy changes to keep up with it; lots of Rule 24s that bypassed committee

There's a lot of people in the chambers; my guess its between the animal control changes and the PG&E item, which is just a support resolution, not legislation

Jenkins pulled PG&E item. Saying CMs hadn't had enough time to talk to both sides. Wang voted no; Fife voted no, saying "absolutely not". Its her legislation & at another meeting, noted PGE reps had asked her to pull it, & she refused. Residents rallied today on supporting item

*On Consent*

**5.21** Subject: Resolution In Support Of Senate Bill 332  
From: Councilmember Fife  
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution In Support Of Senate Bill 332 (Wahab), Which Would, Among Other Provisions, Commission A Feasibility Study That Compares Various Not-For-Profit Utility Models To Transition The Large Gas And Electric Investor-Owned Utilities To A Successor Entity, Prioritizing Public Benefits In Energy Generation, Distribution, And Transmission  
[25-0863](#)

Sponsors: Fife

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Wang tried to move the animal control changes to non consent for discussion. But no one seconded her motion, the necessary requirement to move, so it stays in consent. I assume there's people here to speak against it, as there was during committee

it is a bit odd that no one threw a bone, so to speak, on the animal control item, given the fact that there is significant public interest and likely quite a few people here to speak against it.

As a reader just noted, the committee voted to send the animal control item to non-consent, but Jenkins, who is the Chair at Rules, moved it there to consent.

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- 4**      Subject:    Revisions To The Animal Control Ordinance  
From:        Office Of The City Administrator  
Recommendation: Adopt A Ordinance Amending Oakland Municipal Code 6.04 (Animal Control) To: (1) Reduce The Holding Period For Impounded Animals To 72 Hours; (2) Remove Requirement For Oakland Animal Services To Accept All Surrendered Animals; (3) Allow Finders Of Stray Animals To Temporarily Keep And Care For Found Animals In Lieu Of Delivering To Oakland Animal Services; (4) Require Outdoor Cats And Impounded And At-Large Dogs To Be Spayed Or Neutered; (5) Authorize Oakland Animal Services To Waive Fees Based On Financial Need; And (6) Make Other Minor Amendments Consistent With State Law  
[25-0851](#)

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***The Committee Approved The Recommendation Of Staff And To Forward This Item To The July 15, 2025 City Council Agenda On Non-Consent. With A Request To Provide The Powerpoint Presentation And Intake Criteria In A Supplemental Report***

***11 Speakers Spoke On This Item***

**A motion was made by Noel Gallo, seconded by Charlene Wang, that this matter be Approved the Recommendation of Staff, and Forward to go before the \* Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland Redevelopment Successor Agency and the City Council, to be heard 7/15/2025. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye**    4 -    Gallo Houston Wang, Fife

**NO VOTE**    0

Jenkins also did this for an item that Houston voted against for the express purposes of getting it on non consent. In a dialogue just now, Houston accepted the logic that they can bring back reports to discuss the things he wanted to discuss.

It should be noted that items go to non-consent when they are considered to be of high interest to the public; Jenkins has basically taken it upon himself to disagree with committee opinions about that.

• **Non-Consent Item** shall mean, for the purposes of a City Council agenda for a Regular Meeting or Special Meeting, any action or informational item that: 1) a Standing Committee has forwarded to the full Council without unanimous recommendation for approval; 2) has a high level of public interest or controversy as determined by a Standing Committee Chair, the Rules and Legislation Committee, or pursuant to Rule 28; or 3) requires a public hearing or is otherwise ineligible by law as a Consent Item.

Fife asking that speakers here for Bill 332 be allowed to get. It's not clear what's happening here, but a lot reflecting background conflict, Fife saying she supports this to reduce costs for electricity, but there's a lot of misinformation

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Fife: "I do not appreciate that my name is being dragged...and non profits are being threatened with their contributions being withheld".

Fife asked for discussion of Rule 11, which controls the amount of time a CM can speak, it's 2 minutes for consent, 8 for non-consent. So it does make a difference moving items

Lots of speakers.

BART reps and board members here to support Senate Bill 63, which would put a regional funding measure so that BART can waste it on non-effective fare evasion measures [jk, not really]

*Agenda*

**Item 5.24 Regarding "Recognizing Black August" Has Been Withdrawn From The Agenda Pursuant To Rule 28(A) Of Resolution 90066 C.M.S.**

**5.25** Subject: Resolution In Support Of California Senate Bill 63 (Weiner And Arreguin)  
From: Councilmember Unger  
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution In Support Of California Senate Bill SB 63 (Wiener And Arreguin) To Put A Regional Funding Measure On The November 2026 Ballot To Provide Critical Local Transit Funding  
[25-0885](#)

Sponsors: Unger

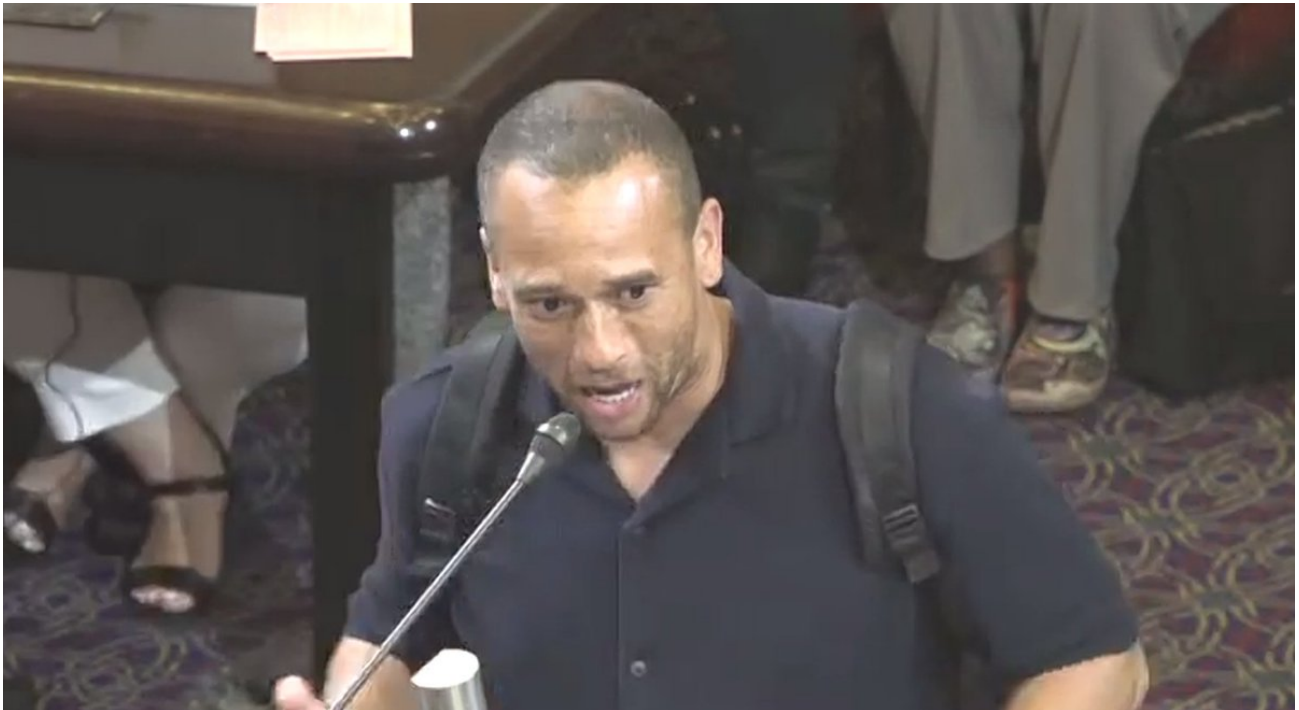
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Kev Choice on several issues: wondering why the "love life" intro has been removed; homelessness solutions; supporting Trybe license; Dwayne Wiggins Way support; Black August support



Several proponents of Asian health services on this support item for language access director at state, improvement of language service provision



**S5.43** Subject: Support Of AB 1242 (Nguyen)  
From: Councilmembers Brown And Wang  
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution In Support Of California Assembly Bill 1242 (Nguyen) Which Would (1) Establish A Language Access Director Within The California Health And Human Services Agency To Coordinate And Oversee Agency-Wide Language Access Efforts, And Ensure There Is Human Review When Using Artificial Intelligence For Translation Or Interpretation, And (2) Amend The Dymally-Alatorre Bilingual Services Act To Improve The Determination Of Languages Covered By State And Local Agencies

[25-0905](#)

**Sponsors:** Brown and Wang

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Speaker on the OAS changes: "I'm very discouraged to hear about the regressive changes taking place within the OAS facility in recent years."



The speaker had only one minute to speak, so it does make a difference. People who know the score sign up for multiple items to game the system, not everyone knows about that.

Volunteer at OAS: "only reason this ord is even being considered is because of extreme budget cuts. The last budget has officially made the shelter's mission untenable...this budget will result in the death of animals"



As I guessed, a lot of speakers are here speaking out against the OAS changes. The changes would allow OAS to decline taking animals in for any reason, meaning more animals would be forced to be abandoned

Speaker: "The proposed ordinance change has actually already been implemented for cats, and the results are clear, more strays and more people are being turned away. You can look on next door and see it all over"

Speakers are pairing opposition against the changes, along with criticizing the budget cuts. Some are arguing staff are being forced to support such legislation, because they have so little resources and staff.

Speaker says she founded OAS volunteer program decades ago: "I started volunteer program there, and over years, residents have demanded a compassionate, progressive

animal shelter, and we achieved that. But now, after the city's recent budget cuts, OAS is in crisis"

Objectively, the turn around on OAS has been significant and visible. OAS went from poorly managed, to a noteworthy, now declining.

Another speaker showed images of dead cats she's found in her neighborhood. Joe Devries argued that cats are turned away to go back to neighborhoods because they may be thriving there, but she says they are being poisoned, sickened, dying.

Ralph Kanz complains about the way the OAS item was meant to go to non-consent, and then Jenkins changed it on his at Rules. He calls it a "sleazy" move.



So far the majority of speakers are here to speak about OAS. I just don't see how you could justify switching it against committee request to non-consent, then have dozens of speakers here with their speaking time halved

Several speakers have said turning away cats is already SOP at OAS, without being above board about it. This speaker saying that the impact will be on East Oakland communities



where the majority of strays are living and proliferating. As a litigator, says city will likely be sued



Another speaker saying she brought cats in with eye issues, but OAS wouldn't take them because they weren't "sick", they got worse, and when they were finally taken in, some had an eye removed.

Lots of speakers have posited the issue as one of public health, given the number of stray animals and their worsening condition as their populations increase: "vet says they are thriving, they're not thriving"

Speaker says the changes are proposed without consulting stakeholders or orgs, should go back for more time.





Many speakers have said support other changes, but option to decline animals is poorly considered. A speaker: "Brendan Burke tried to surrender his out of control dogs to OAS, rejected because he couldn't pay owner surrender fee, his dogs murdered somebody. Brendan is in jail"

Dahlbacka's proposed amendments: take data on any animal turned away, including health, condition, age, address of where animal lived or was found; checking spaY/neuter status of rejected animal that may go back onto street and getting resources to them if they are not fixed

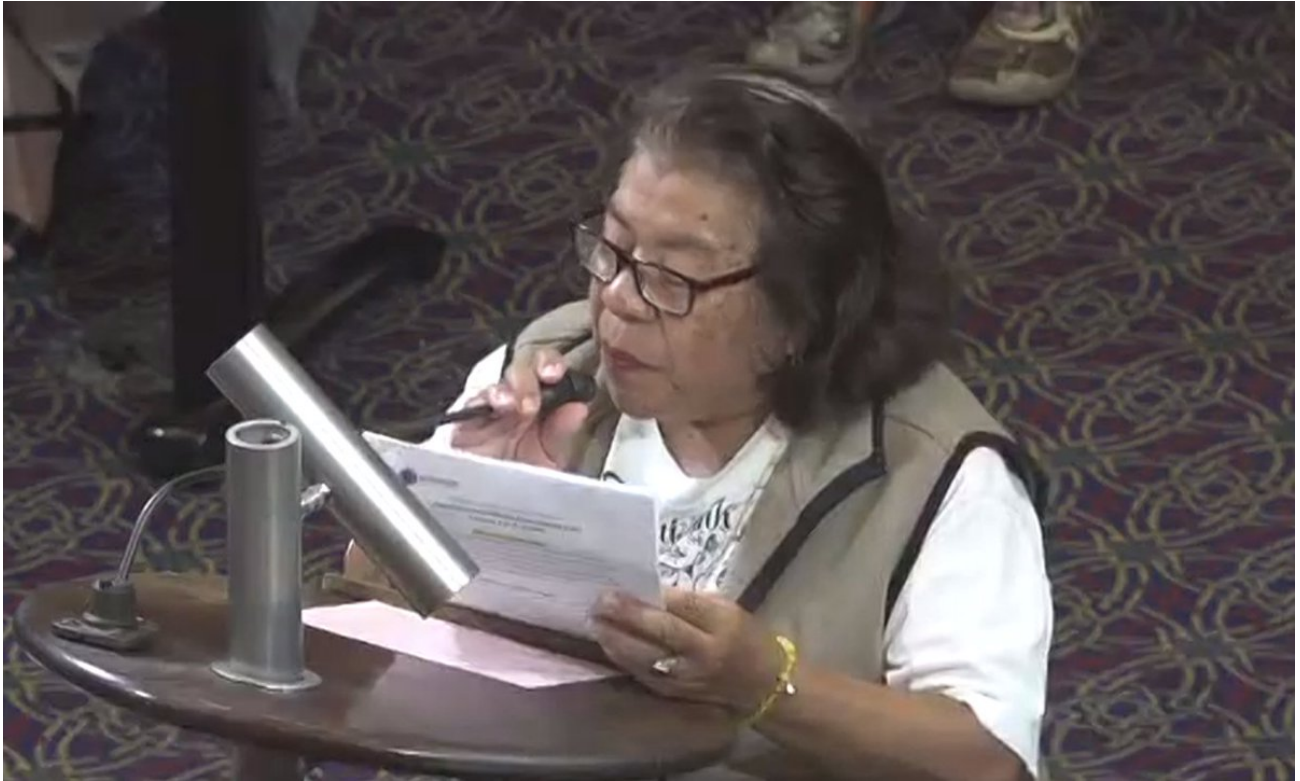
CONT: continuing to take the owners from other animals that are verifiably from Oakland, because no other shelter would take them, and Oakland is required by state law to have an open intake shelter.

Jeff Levin of EBHO speaking out against the second reading of the Impact Fee changes, against most of the discretionary changes, notes that after devoting 50% of AHTF to budget, Council now has delayed funding from IF to the end of projects.

EBRHA referring to studies that can't be verified. It's an organization that represents some landlords, and mostly dedicated to preventing all tenant protections. An objective

observation.

A speaker from Communities for a Better Environment: "we really need a break from PG&E. We need to have a choice, to have a nonprofit utility choice for clean and affordable energy, especially after what pg&e has done; rates have gone up 54% only in 2024"



"Our communities deserve research into something that's different, and that's what the Senate bill calls for. We need a utility system rooted in justice, not profit; support SB 332 and put people over profit".



Speaker read the riot act on PG&Es fire starting: "they pled guilty to 84 counts of manslaughter, and this was while on probation in 2022; the judge said, we've tried to rehabilitate them, as the judge overseeing probation, I must acknowledge failure"



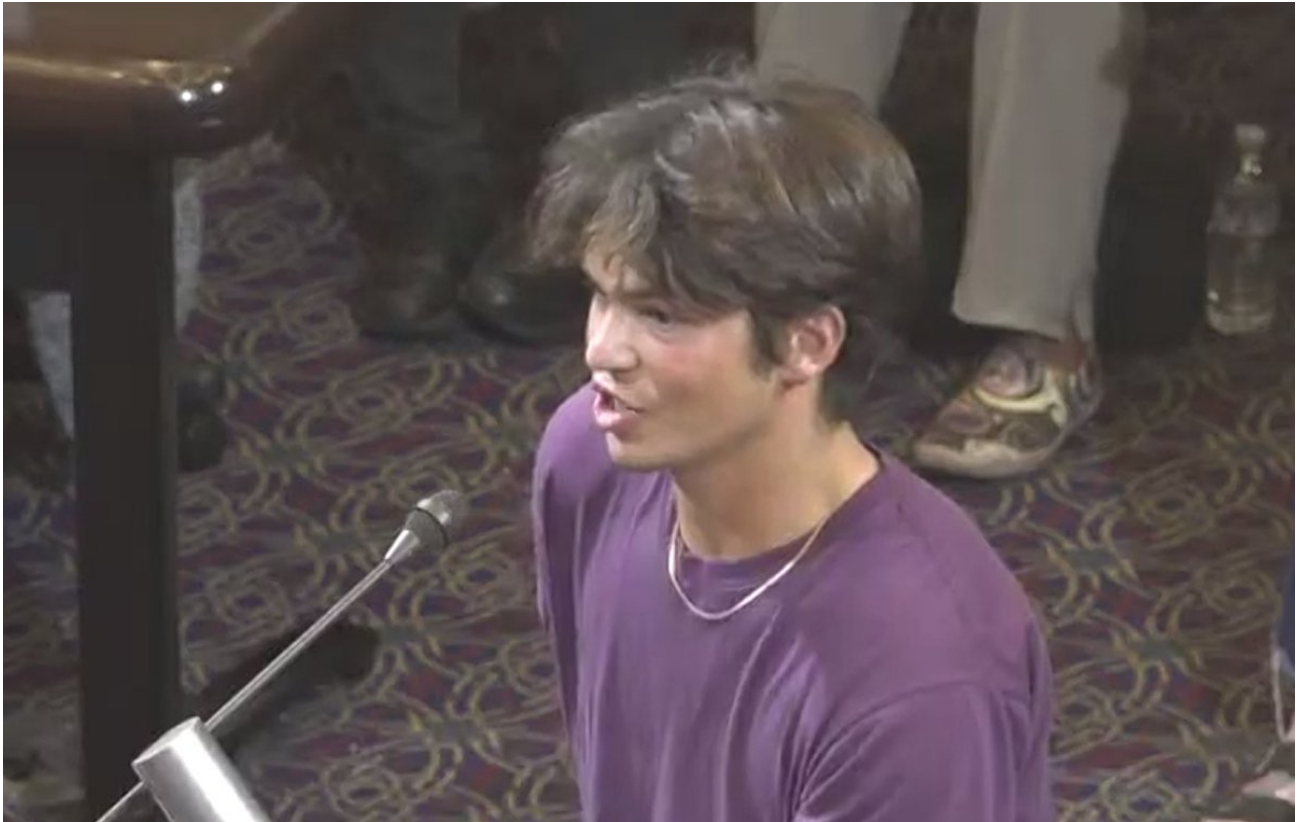
Between Fife and speakers, there's been references to strongarming tactics and pressure from PG&E about supporting this.

"PG&E have a rap sheet, and I always refer to them as a serial killer in California, because if you look at it, that rap sheet also includes a long legacy of environmental injustice. We're tired of this model. We need to do that works for our communities"



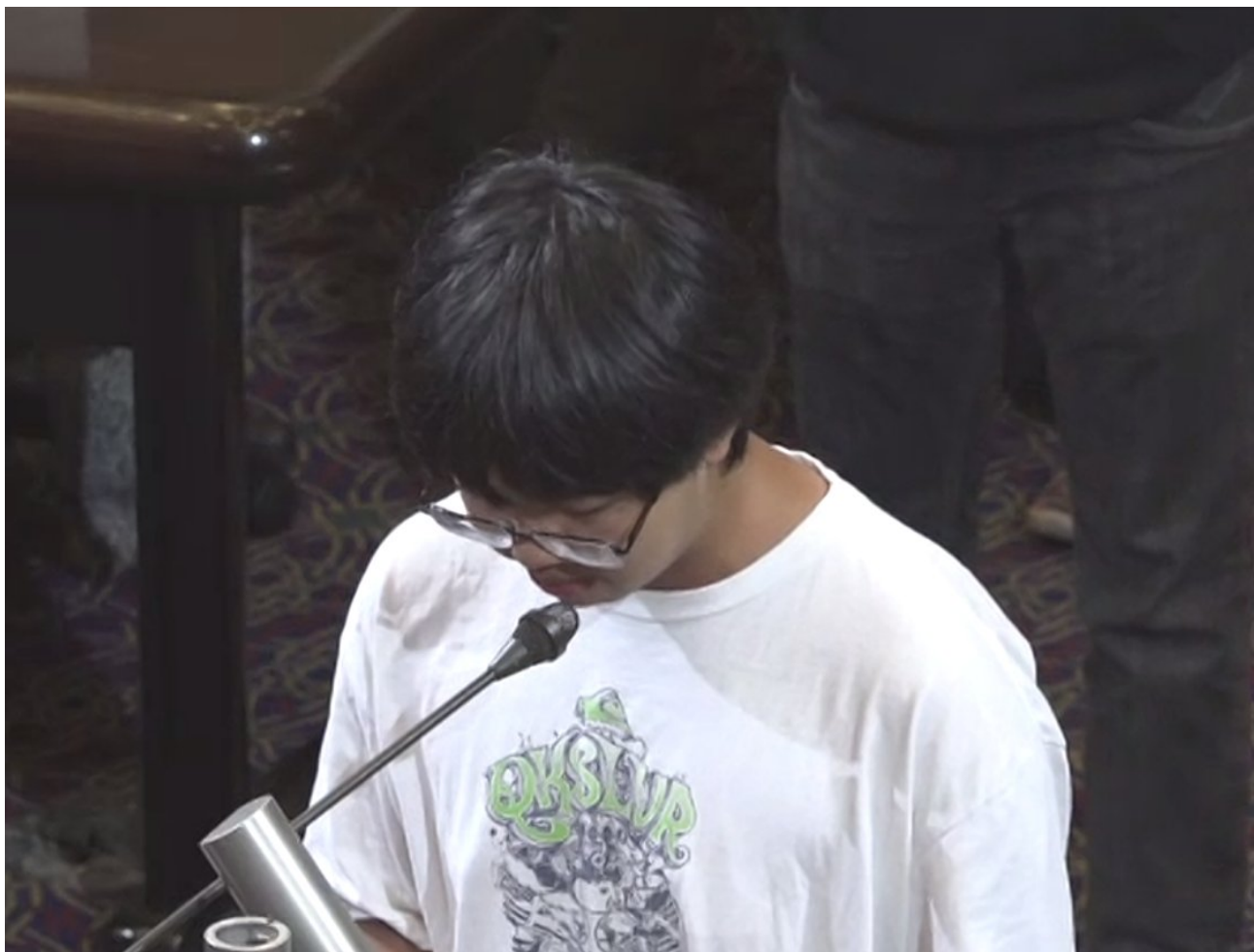


Speaker from Youth Against Apocalypse: "this bill only creates a feasibility study...after hearing what people say, you should want to give them a chance"



Lots of speakers on Fife's legislation to support Wahab's SB 332

Many speakers now from environment youth groups, Frontline Catalyst and Youth Vs Apocalypse



There are dozens of speakers here. If there were any scrutiny at all on Jenkins, this would be a bad look, more than one on the same day.

"As a rate payer, I have seen six rate hikes in the last year alone, as as everyone else in this room...and I see this money going to PG&E shareholders not improving service"



Speaker David Robelo praised Fife for agendizing the item: "how many communities must PG&E burn to the ground before we are allowed to even study alternative?"

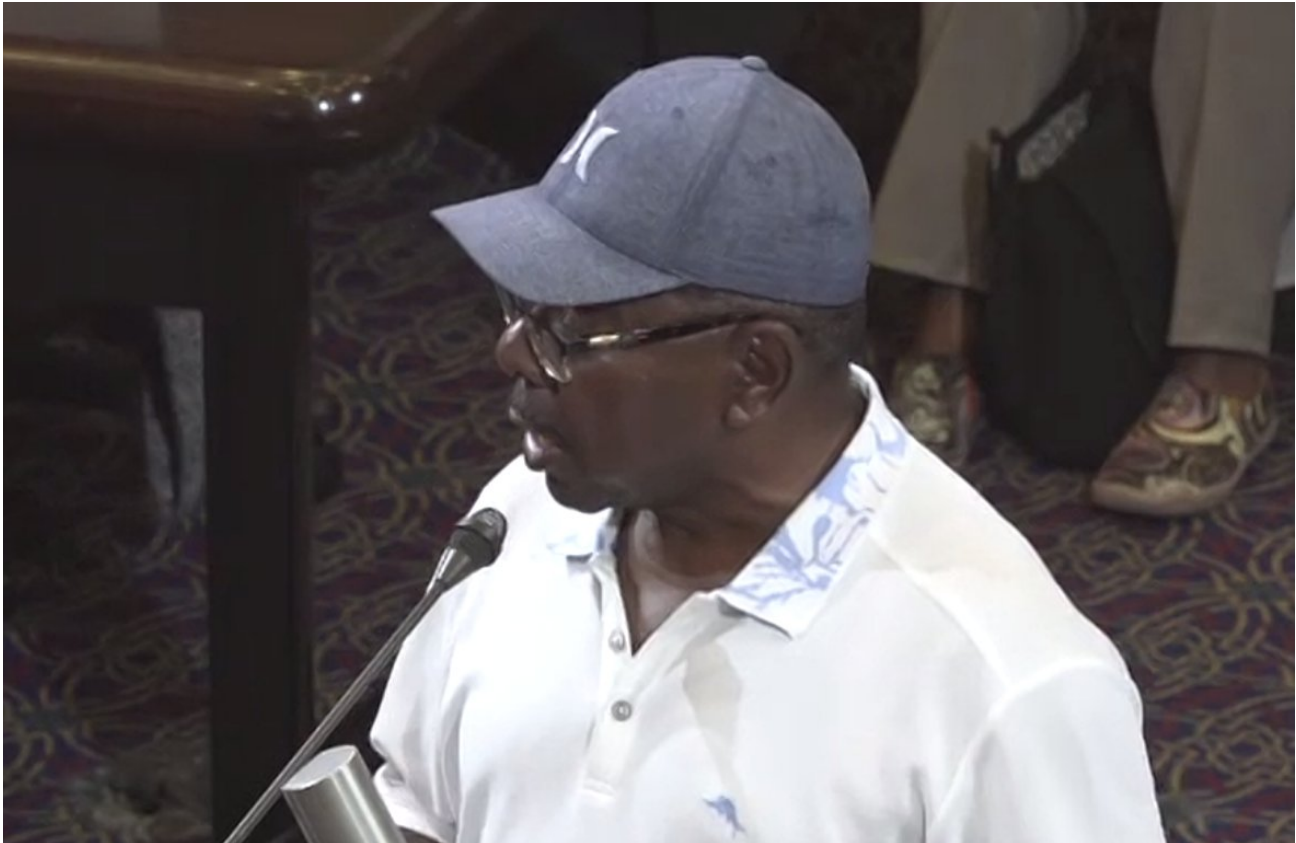




So many speakers on SB 332, I can't keep up...I will try to focus on the significant statements

Worth noting that the two items that brought the most speakers today were a) removed from the agenda by Jenkins, and b) put on to the consent calendar by Jenkins, where speaking time is halved.

Speaker Michael Patterson is an Oakland/IBEW worker who often speaks out on union issues, says he doesn't support switching out PG&E and that people should think of workers. He's been the first person to speak against the feasibility study



Echo Cartegena, the resident vet at OAS, on Zoom, says that the concerns are understandable, but misplaced: "concern that managed intake leads to animal abandonment...It's a very common misconception, which has thankfully been demonstrated to not be the case"

Several speakers referred to pressure from PG&E on non profits...

Jenkins: "I understand council Houston has been voting no. Purposely on items & sending items to non consent so that he could have more time to speak on items, he's being rushed in committee" Jenkins suggests that Houston is not being given enough time in committee [untrue]

Jenkins asked Devries, the part time director of OAS, if OAS had reached out to stakeholders, he says that he has. Jenkins also asked if there was urgency. Devries says there is, noting the budget cuts, "we're the only shelter in bay area that doesn't have managed shelter intake"

Devries is repeating his claim from committee that OAS is overwhelmed because other

cities residents bring animals to OAS, because they have managed shelter intake"

Devries says that the change is best practice nationally.

Ramachandran says she wants to log her opposition to the OAS item "this is something that should wait a little longer"

Ramachandran said she'd vote no on OAS item to give Devries more time to speak with stakeholders and create amendments.

In follow up, Brown asked Devries what other jurisdictions have the policy, after saying "all of them", he notes that some make no claim. He also suggested that the rescuers are bringing in animals as owner surrendered.

I do think its interesting that the CMs went straight to the OAS item, but there were far more speakers on the PG&E item.

Wang also suggested some of the amendments, like data on surrenders. "with your approval tonight, we know that we will create the administrative guidelines [by second reading in September]

Fife: "we are at risk of not having an OAS at all, because people are leaving..." she says she is speaking with Dahlbacka and Devries to see how volunteers can be more helpful. Fife says she wants to assure they do what's the best for city of Oakland.

Fife noted some hypocrisy in rushing through the budget, then turning around and complaining about the budget impacts..."to then turn back around that this is not the best thing to do when we cut the budget for the people doing this work..."

Even Devries noted that the ordinance is motivated by the impact of budget cuts at OAS. The decline at OAS is visible from the past several years when it was functioning at high cap under the former director.

Gallo also got around to supporting the idea of either pause or adding amendments, after a long soliloquy

Devries says he commits to developing policy guidelines before the item comes back on

second reading, so its clear what the ordinance will do. Devries says he will meet with the stakeholders again.

Devries says East Bay SPCA also supported the changes, and a lot of orgs have pulled back due to high cost of vet care.

Wang wanted to talk about Measure W, and her apparent attempts to oppose a homeless shelter that was still in discussion stage for Marriot Courtyard. She says theres alt sites in her district. This isn't agendized, Wang promised to talk about it indirectly, but spoke directly

On consent calendar, Ramachandran voted no on the OAS item

On to the non consent calendar, Jenkins asked for item 10 to go first, then 11, 12, and 9 last.

10 is a pro-forma resolution necessary to sell special tax bonds, sale was delayed due to decision by finance not to go forward with bonds.

*On Non-Consent*

**10**     Subject:    Issuance And Sale Of Special Tax Bonds For City Of Oakland Community Facilities District No. 2023-1 (Brooklyn Basin Facilities And Services)  
From:        Finance Department  
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution Making Certain Findings; Approving A Preliminary And Final Official Statement Related To The City Of Oakland Community Facilities District No. 2023-1 (Brooklyn Basin Facilities And Services) Special Tax Bonds, Series 2025; And Adopting Appropriate Findings Under The California Environmental Quality Act  
[25-0862](#)

**Sponsors:**            Finance Department

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**Legislative History**

The item was approved

Just a month after the ALCO Grand Jury said it was an open question whether Measure U bonds would be issued, they're on track to be issued, on a schedule approved months ago. 2nd reading in September; pricing in Oct, closing Nov.



*On Non Consent*

- 11**     Subject:    Oakland GO Bonds, Series 2025 (Measures DD, U And Ref 2015A)  
From:        Finance Department  
Recommendation: Adopt An Ordinance Providing For The Borrowing Of Funds And The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000,000 Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$55,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount Of City Of Oakland General Obligation Refunding Bonds; And Approving Certain Related Matters  
[25-0864](#)

**Sponsors:**            Finance Department

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*ACTION ON THIS ITEM WILL RESULT IN INTRODUCTION (First Reading) OF THIS ORDINANCE.*

*FINAL PASSAGE (Second Reading) WILL OCCUR ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2025*

**Legislative History**

6/26/25	*Rules & Legislation Committee	Scheduled to the * Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland Redevelopment Successor Agency and the City Council
<i>Pursuant To Rule 24, A Statement Was Made On Record As To The Item Bypassing Committee</i>		

Interesting that the staffer said Loop Capital, one of the major investors in the Coliseum sale, is one of the co-managers of the fund.

Just a note the bond sales item was taken along with a previously agendized info report that's not very relevant now that the Measure U bonds are being sold

*On Non Consent*

- 12**     Subject:    Informational Report On Oakland 2025 Bond Issuance Plan  
From:        Councilmembers Kaplan, Unger And Ramachandran  
Recommendation: Receive A Written Informational Report From The City Of Oakland's City Administrator Or Their Designee On The Status, Current Process, Immediate Next Steps, And Plan For The City Council Of Oakland's 2025 Bond Issuance  
[25-0570](#)

**Sponsors:**            Kaplan, Unger and Ramachandran

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**Legislative History**

Several affordable housing stakeholders are in favor of the bond issuance.

The ordinance to issue Measure U and other other bonds past w/7 ayes, Houston absent, final passage in September

Final item is a contract extension with the city's parking citation system. The City has to go through an RFP process due to the end of the contract, but they are likely going to go with the same company because there aren't any other companies applying

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**\* Concurrent Meeting of the  
Oakland Redevelopment Successor  
Agency and the City Council**

**Agenda - SUPPLEMENTAL**

**July 15, 2025**

- 9**      Subject:    Parking Citation System Agreement Extension  
From:        Department Of Transportation  
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution: (1) Authorizing The City Administrator To Amend The Agreement With Modaxo Traffic Management Inc. For Parking Citation System Software, Hardware, Related Services And Pass-Through Collection Fees For An Additional One-Year Term In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,260,300 And Authorizing The Payment Of Outstanding Invoices In The Amount Of \$249,397, For A Total Contract Amount Over The One Year Term Of \$2,509,697; And (2) Waiving The Competitive Multi-Step Solicitation Processes; And (3) Appropriating \$68,274 To The General-Purpose Fund; And (4) Adopting Appropriate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings  
[25-0886](#)

**Sponsors:**            Transportation Department

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The item passed unanimously

That's it for meeting; announcements, adjournments & open forum. Fife adjourns in memory of recently departed Dan Siegel: "a champion for many issues throughout the city, he challenged the city in a lot of ways, but also supported many of us, and he was a very, very dear friend"

Meeting adjourned. Good summer yal.

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