



Moral Budget Platform

A MORAL BUDGET SERVES OUR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE. IT FUNDS VITAL, LIFE SUSTAINING SERVICES.

We, the undersigned faith leaders, reject the framework of scarcity, which pits neighbor against neighbor in competition for limited resources, and keeps us isolated and fearful. We are praying and bearing witness in hope of a miracle – that city leaders will see our common humanity and needs. We are praying for a budget that embodies our values and finds creative ways to invest in those who've been hurt most by economic racism and exploitation.

HOUSING FOR ALL AND THE RIGHT TO STAY

We believe that housing is a fundamental human right. We pray for a budget that provides the resources necessary to ensure access to a safe, secure, habitable, and affordable home with freedom from eviction or displacement for every member of the Oakland community.

- Significant affordable housing
- Legal education, support and defense for tenants
- Housing for Oakland's unhoused neighbors

DIGNITY FOR WORKERS

We believe all work is sacred and valuable. Workers must be protected and respected in their workplaces, earn living wages and other life sustaining benefits.

- Ensure workers' rights through Department of Workplace and Employment Standards
- Community education of workers' rights laws
- Workforce development funding (West Oakland Jobs Resource Center)
- Support informal economy workers (day laborers and domestic workers)

SANCTUARY FOR IMMIGRANTS

We believe that the most important American value is freedom. Human beings have a right to live without fear or danger. Families deserve to stay together in safety and freedom.

- Provide legal support for those targeted by the collaboration between ICE and the Alameda County Sheriff.

HONORING OAKLAND'S CULTURE

We believe that Oakland's rich history and culture must be honored and celebrated. Our culture is the foundation of our values, our creativity and our community.

- Highlight Oakland's rich history
- Investment in Oakland's diverse and independent art, culture and music community

HEALTHY & SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

We believe that in order to have healthy communities, we need clean air, natural resources, and a nontoxic environment. Sustainability and healthcare are intricately related. The quality of our environment affects public health.

- Invest in public transportation to reduce greenhouse gas and toxic air pollution emissions

FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH OF COLOR

We believe through healing-informed and culturally-rooted practices, our youth develop a positive, healthy identity aimed at empowering and developing their skills to be the positive agents of change in their communities.

- Supporting public education, public playgrounds, and clear vision of safe, inclusive, and supportive schools
- End the school-to-prison pipeline by allocating funding for police in schools to restorative justice programs

PUBLIC LAND FOR PUBLIC GOOD

We believe that our publicly held resources, including City owned land and money, must be used to serve existing residents and those communities historically impacted by gentrification, displacement and financial crisis.

- Lease, do not sell public land
- Pass a public lands policy that requires significant affordable housing and good jobs
- Use public funds for affordable housing and tenant protections

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY & PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY

We believe that racism is and always has been a systemic feature of American society. We pray for the acknowledgement of the role that implicit and overt biases play in creating disparate law enforcement practices and the resulting killing of Black people by police will be addressed immediately.

- Reduce police overtime spending
- Incorporate restorative justice practices
- Institute community policing

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