

Our Beloved Community Action Network (BCAN)

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Convened by the Dellums Institute for Social Justice, the Our Beloved Community Action Network members are community, faith, and government leaders committed to the simple proposition that every person in Alameda County should have the opportunity to stay and thrive in the new prosperous Bay Area economy.



Crisis Intervention

Immediate solutions require keeping people housed through proven strategies of legal eviction defense and housing assistance funds for both low-income tenants and homeowners.

Structural Policy Solutions

The cycles of displacement and the new homeless crisis will not be solved until we address structural barriers to housing for impacted groups including the formerly incarcerated, older adults, single headed households with children, and students.

Community Control & Ownership

Neighborhoods like East Oakland that were devastated by decades of public and private disinvestment are now hot real estate markets for private speculators. At the same time, they remain redlined by public and nonprofit institutions. We must create new innovation to support community-led ownership of land and keeping place.

We focused on immediate strategies to disrupt displacement:

Operating 3 budget campaigns, we recently secured unprecedented new public funds in Alameda County, Oakland, and Berkeley: \$65 million Anti-Displacement Safety Net.

We trained 100 students to campaign for the infusion of new regional funds for affordable housing in Alameda County and crafted anti-displacement and racial wealth-stripping prevention policy strategies: \$580 million Affordable Housing Development.

We helped the Richmond Safe Return Project craft and secure the passage of a national best practice policy removing housing barriers for formerly incarcerated residents: Richmond Fair Chance Housing.

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East Oakland Black Culture Zone (BCZ)

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For the past three years, EastSide Arts Alliance has been working with a coalition of residents, government agencies, churches, and grassroots organizing groups to stay abreast of the Bus Rapid Transit line coming down International Blvd. This transportation development is making it easier for market-rate forces to run roughshod over the existing East Oakland communities. In an effort to discourage displacement and to build a stronger East Oakland, we have been advancing the concept of a Black Cultural Zone (BCZ).

The BCZ is a vision of a neighborhood that is proud to be Black – one that supports Black-run businesses, promotes healthy choices and lifestyles, offers education that give our youth their true stories and legacies, and that lifts up and celebrates Black cultural traditions and innovations – blues/jazz/hip hop; dance; theater and visual arts. We are proposing that the historic building on International and 57th street (the old Safeway headquarters) be the hub or epicenter for the BCZ, and are currently in the process of trying to secure this site.