

This Week in District 7

Ken Houston's Oakland — Elmhurst, Sobrante Park, Brookfield & deep East Oakland

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Act this week — comment deadlines

All five standing committees meet **Tuesday, June 23**. To weigh in, file an eComment or sign up to speak via Legistar. Sign-ups generally close ~24 hours before.

Comment by Monday, June 22 for Tuesday's committee meetings.

Comment by Wednesday, June 24 for Thursday's Rules & Legislation Committee.

THIS WEEK AT CITY HALL

All in City Council Chamber, 3rd Floor · Times Pacific · committees only this week. Bold green marks committees Houston serves on.

Tue, June 23 — Committee Day (agendas FINAL):

9:30 AM · Finance & Management

11:30 AM · Public Works & Transportation — **Houston sits here**

1:30 PM · Community & Economic Development

4:00 PM · Life Enrichment — **Houston sits here**

6:00 PM · Public Safety — **Houston sits here**

Thu, June 25 — 10:30 AM · Rules & Legislation Committee

YOUR REPRESENTATIVE

Ken Houston · District 7 · term to Jan 2029

Committees: Public Works · Life Enrichment · Public Safety · Education Partnership · City/Port Liaison

ON THE AGENDA FOR DISTRICT 7

No District 7-specific items were flagged on this week's agendas. The citywide votes below still affect the district.

Citywide HOUSING \$14.7M federal housing plan — 2026–27 HUD Action Plan (CDBG, HOME, ESG, HOPWA) for housing, homelessness & rehab. **File 26-0701**

Why it matters: Sets how ~\$15M in federal money is divided across housing, homelessness and home repair for the year.

Citywide IMMIGRATION “City of Refuge” ordinance — reaffirms & codifies Oakland's sanctuary-city policy and limits on immigration-detainer cooperation. **File 26-0391**

Why it matters: Writes sanctuary protections into city law — harder to reverse.

Citywide SAFETY Sideshow penalties & police chief search — stiffer sideshow fines & impound authority (File 26-0781) and an update on recruiting a permanent Chief of Police (File 26-0780).

Why it matters: Public-safety enforcement, plus who will lead OPD.

Citywide HOMELESSNESS November ballot measure — transfer-tax foreclosure-exception change + an advisory vote on spending revenue on shelter & homelessness services. **File 26-0691**

Why it matters: Could send real money for shelter and homelessness services to the November ballot.

Also Tuesday: Life Enrichment weighs \$20.7M in Oakland Fund for Children & Youth grants (citywide).

JUST HAPPENED

Thu, June 18 — Rules & Legislation Committee held; set this week's agendas.

Wed, June 17 — Council budget meeting cancelled; mid-cycle budget already adopted (6–2) June 12–13.

IN THE NEWS

'Strong mayor' measure heads to the November ballot (The Oaklandside, June 16) — Mayor Lee broke a 4–4 Council tie; a citywide charter change.

Council approves mid-cycle budget after tense meeting (Local News Matters, June 15).

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