

# Direct to You

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## Good Afternoon OHA Team,

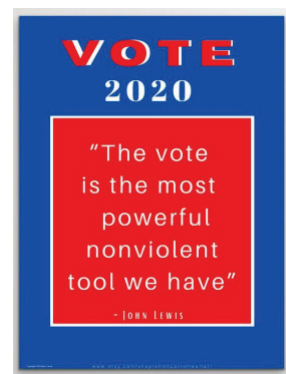


2020 has been quite a year and each day we all face new challenges, personally and professionally. I'm proud, however, of how we have persevered together. Next week our nation will go to the polls and make choices about how we want our nation to move forward. I hope each of you join me in meeting our individual civic responsibility and use this opportunity to make our collective voices heard by voting.

At OHA, we want to provide our employees the time and opportunity to vote.

Many of you have possibly already returned your ballot, either through the mail or in a safe and secure official drop off location, but if you plan to vote in person, Tuesday,

November 3 is the day. Just note that mailing in your ballot is discouraged at this point because of delays in the mail, so in-person or drop off sites will most ensure your vote is counted. Regardless of who or which Initiatives and Measures you vote for; we want your input to influence our future.



## Look for an email from the Human Resources Department on instructions for voting day time off.

In the meantime, I wish you all have a wonderful weekend. We're expecting nice warm weather, so if you can, get out and enjoy the sunshine!

*Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.*

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

Patricia



All past issues of Direct To You are available on the OHA website for 24/7 access. In addition to the messages sent directly from the OHA executive director, you can also find links to other resources, articles, and up-to-date information about OHA operations and the ways we are addressing the current health crisis.

## Putting Neighbors in the Neighborhood



A large team, representing a significant part of OHA's cross-functional expertise, have joined forces with the Eastmont Homeowners Association, the Oakland Police Department, City of Oakland staff and neighbors in the Ney Avenue corridor, to install safety features, make physical improvements to our properties and engage residents through targeted services. Staff from our Property Management, Family & Community Partnerships, Leased Housing and OHA Police Department and others from the Executive Office are addressing issues to support our residents and their opportunity to live harmoniously in quality apartments and a culturally diverse community.

Here is just a handful of the measures being taken:

- Property beautification
- Improved lighting
- Increased trash pick-up with additional site support staff
- Establish a bulk item pick-up protocol
- Increased attendance at neighborhood meetings
- Enhanced support to Section 8 participant families and partner landlords
- Increased OHAPD patrols throughout the day
- Installation of cameras
- Partner with Councilmember and City staff on events (e.g., holiday turkey giveaway)
- And expanded outreach for FCP programs offering more employment services, youth programs and financial literacy education

Thanks to the entire team for stepping up to help add this community to our growing list of bright spots in Oakland and in the OHA/OAHPI portfolio.

## The OHA Employees' Association Reimagines Halloween



Zoom meetings have become a part of our world during our current predicament, but as much as we may consider ourselves "Zoomed out," we are finding new ways to use the technology that bring as much fun as it does productivity.

The OHA Employees' Association is hosting its first Zoom **Halloween Spooktacular** on Saturday night. With so many of our staff working remotely and social distance requirements in place, the OHAEA team is delivering a virtual party right to you at home, so employees can still gather for a little fun and camaraderie yet stay safe.

Sharing creative costumes, enjoying snacks and creating a unique new Halloween memory will very likely be one of this year's unlikeliest highlights.

So the next time someone says "Let's set up a Zoom," just remember it doesn't have to be all hard work.



**REMEMBER: if you have reasonable suspicion that you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or if you are experiencing symptoms of fever (100.4 Fahrenheit or higher), coughing, or shortness of breath, do not report to work. Immediately contact your primary care provider and then your supervisor for instructions on what you need to do next. If you have any questions regarding your schedule, please contact your supervisor or Director. If you have questions in regards to pay or leave time, please contact Human Resources at (510) 874-1575.**