

NEWS AND UPDATES

January 2009

“Unity for the Sake of Change”



On January 20, 2009 the United States witnessed the Inauguration of the first African-American President, Barack H. Obama. Alameda County faith-based and non-profit community partners came together to celebrate this historic moment and to call all communities to unite in an effort to recommit ourselves to community service. Interfaith events took place around Alameda County throughout the week leading up to the Inauguration at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, The Jodo Shinshu Center, St. Paul AME, The Diamond Palace, Beebe Memorial Cathedral, and Acts Full Gospel Church. The free community events provided a place for people of all faiths to come together to pray for the success of our new president, the nation, and the world. Audience members had the opportunity to listen to different faith leaders and see the common values that are rooted in every faith.

The week-long celebration concluded at the Oakland ORACLE Arena where nearly 7,000 residents came to view the Presidential Inauguration. 70 non-profit, community based organizations, and other service providers were present to give individuals, families, and students information about resources available and ways to get involved. It has been reported that this was the largest gathering outside of Washington D.C. ([see more news coverage](#))



People. Place. Planet

On January 23, 2009 the County of Alameda and cities met to plan collaborative action on the growing global climate crisis and committing themselves to bold eco-friendly strategies even in these tough economic times.

More than 150 elected officials, executives, staff from Alameda County and its 14 cities joined together with regional agency and State Representatives for a day-long event at the San Leandro Library that included strategy sessions on topics such as energy efficiency, land use, transportation, and waste reduction.

A newly completed countywide estimate of greenhouse gas emission sources was released at the forum. The emissions estimates show that, within Alameda County, transportation is the largest contributor to the community’s carbon footprint, followed by emissions from energy use at commercial and industrial facilities. The remaining emissions come from residential energy use and from waste sent to area landfills.

Next steps for the County and cities include collaborative climate action—coordinated efforts in land use planning, green building designs, improving energy efficiency, waste reduction, reducing transportation emissions and increasing public education and awareness. Creating connections amongst local government will help to drive residents and businesses to create their own climate action plans.



You are invited to join us as we celebrate the

Lunar New Year “Year of the Ox”



*Thursday, February 19, 2009
11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Oakland Asian Cultural Center*



Sponsored by: Alameda County, SF Bay Area Rapid Transit District, Asian Community Collaborative, and the Oakland Asian Cultural Center

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in honoring*

*Assemblyman
Sandré Swanson
as the new Chair of the State Black Caucus*

*Congresswoman
Barbara Lee
as the new Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus*

*Friday, February 27, 2009
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.*

*Joyce Gordon Gallery
406 14th Street
Oakland, CA 94612*

*Individual Tickets \$45
Two Tickets \$80*

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