



# Oakland Housing Authority



## FACT SHEET

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### OHA MISSION STATEMENT

To assure the availability of quality housing for low income persons and to promote the civic involvement and economic self-sufficiency of residents and to further the expansion of affordable housing within Oakland.



### ABOUT OHA

- Established on April 28, 1938
- Governed by a seven-member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Mayor of the City of Oakland, with the approval of the Oakland City Council. Five members serve 4-year terms. Two members are residents of OHA and serve a 2-year term. One of these residents must be 62 years of age or older.

Chair: Gregory D. Hartwig  
Commissioner: Janny Castillo  
Commissioner: Anne Griffith  
Commissioner: Lynette Jung Lee  
Commissioner: Barbara Montgomery  
Commissioner: Mark Tortorich  
Commissioner: Bettye Lou Wright  
Executive Director, Patricia Wells

- Commission Meeting: Fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.  
Commissioners Room  
1619 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94612
- Total operating budget of approximately \$965 million in fiscal year ending June 30, 2019
- OHA returned over \$197 million to the community in the form of Housing Assistance Payments to over 3,800 participating property owners in the City of Oakland; OHA distributed, through CAHI, an additional \$560 million in project based rental assistance throughout Northern California
- OHA owns or provides rental assistance for over 16,500 households:  
1,606 Public Housing units in 13 sites and over 13,500 households with Housing Choice Vouchers in the City of Oakland; and monitoring and subsidy for 41,000 units of Project Based Rental Assistance in Northern California through a contract with HUD
- Budgeted staff of over 370 in six major divisions:  
The Office of the Executive Director; the Office of Real Estate Development; the Office of Finance & Program Administration which includes the Departments of Leased Housing, Finance, Information Technology, and the California Affordable Housing Initiatives (CAHI), Inc; the Office of Property Operations; and the Departments of Human Resources and Police Services
- The Oakland Housing Authority Police Department received international accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (C.A.L.E.A) in March 1999, and reaccredited in 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014 and 2017
- Customer Assistance Line (510) 874-1653
- OHA Speakers Bureau available; please call the Executive Office at (510) 874-1563