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Library Survey Results

Because of the questions facing our branch library when its rent will increase from \$1 to \$4,250 per month starting in November, Friends of the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library surveyed residents to learn their viewpoints. Over 500 people completed the seven question survey in April and May. Here are the responses.

Would you support a library on Broadway if funding was available through Redevelopment?

Yes: **65.7%**

No: **34.3%**

The newly forming Library Task Force will meet Thursday, July 8, at 7 p.m. at the branch library

Would you support a library on Broadway of MacArthur if space/funding was available in the Kaiser complex?

Yes: **69.8%**

No: **30.2%**

Would you support a special tax assessment district (Mello-Roos, similar to the Rockridge Library district) to fund a new library? This would increase taxes for every homeowner.

Yes: **75.3%**

No: **24.7%**

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Student Winners



Penelope Martindale, Piedmont Avenue Elementary School 2nd grader and resident of the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood pictured here with school principal Zarina Ahmad, won first place in Oakland's recent Sounds of Freedom Oratorical Contest.



Fifth graders at Piedmont Avenue Elementary School, **Sal Beeby** and **Jason O'Tey** are two of the four students from the Oakland Unified School District chosen to attend the July Asian-Pacific Children's Convention (APCC) that will take place in Oakland's sister city of Fukuoka, Japan. They join a group of twelve student representatives from throughout the United States.

PANIL Monthly Meeting: Wed., July 14, 7:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council — 7:30 pm

Sandra Sanders-West, our Neighborhood Services Coordinator

General Meeting — 8:00 pm

For details of topic and speaker,
see the PANIL website www.panil.org

Piedmont Gardens, 110 41st Street — 11th Floor Sky Room

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Results of the Survey of Piedmont Avenue Branch Library Users (continued)

Would you support building a new library on a portion of the Key Route parking lot – Howe Street between 40th and 41st Streets? This could be a multi-storied structure.

Yes: **80.7%**

No: **19.3%**

The current library is 1,700 square feet. Do you think this size is:

1 About right: **30.3%**

2 Needs to be increased: **69.7%**

What is your preference for the next one to three years?

Stay at the current location. Currently the lease is for one year. (Additional years would require Library Administration, City Council, and the community finding money for rent.): **35.6%**

If unable to stay at the current location, move to another building on Piedmont Avenue. (This would require Library Administration, City Council, and the community finding money for rent.) **36.2%**

If unable to stay at the current location, plan to build a new library. (The community would have to mobilize to support a new district tax and Library Administration, City Council, and the community would have to find money for rent until the new library is completed.) **28.2%**

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If you would like to become involved in the Library Task Force that is forming, please make sure you have submitted contact information. If you provided your contact information via the survey, nothing further is required. For others, please email information to: FOPABL@aol.com or call 655-1723.

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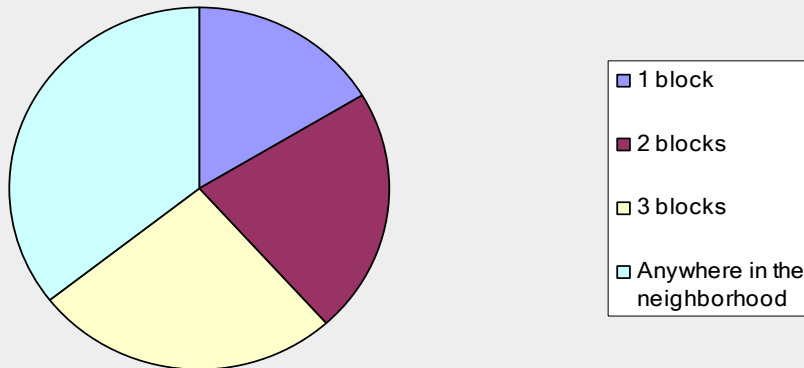
If you missed the two community meetings held in May and would like to review the power point demonstration presented by library administration, go to: <http://www.panil.org> and click on Oakland Public Library Presentation.

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The current library is within one block of Piedmont Avenue. How far from Piedmont Avenue do you feel the library can be placed and still enjoy community support?



1	1 block:	16.3%
2	2 blocks:	22.1%
3	3 blocks:	26.0%
4	Anywhere in the neighborhood:	35.6%

Calendar

PANIL Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the month
7:30 to 9 p.m.
Piedmont Gardens
110 41st Street
11th Floor Sky Room

PANIL Steering Committee meets monthly

For the time, date and place email contact@panil.org

City Council President

Jane Brunner's

Annual Community Picnic

Sunday, July 11, noon to 4 p.m.
Lake Temescal North Picnic Site
BBQ & Drinks provided
Bring a dish to share
For info: 238-7001

Glen Echo Creek Work Day

2nd Saturday of the month
Monte Vista Avenue, 9:30 a.m.
654-1930

Mt. View Cemetery Tour

Docent led tour
2nd and 4th Saturdays
10 a.m., FREE

Oakland Heritage Alliance

It's tour season again!
OHA tours start in July.
For the schedule, go to www.oaklandheritage.org

The lecture series will start again in September at Chapel of the Chimes
4499 Piedmont Avenue
\$10 members/\$15 non-members
You may join at the door.

Piedmont Avenue Branch Library

160 41st Street, 597-5011

Storytimes Toddlers

Wednesday, 10:15 a.m.
Pre school
Wednesday, 11 a.m.

Saturday Knitting Club
Every Saturday 3 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, August 3 National Night Out

Last year 27,000 Oakland residents participated in 419 National Night Out block parties. This year Oakland hopes to surpass that number! To make your block party an official NNO event, register it at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/nno> or call Brenda Ivey at 238-3091 by July 26.

Any National Night Out gathering can be recorded in the PANIL newsletter.

PANIL Notes will publish pictures in the September edition. To have your group photo included, send the time and place of your event by email to contact@panil.org before August 1. We'll be there!



Small office computer networking

374 40th Street
(510) 645-1800

office@eastbaycomputerservices.com

John Street Jumble

Saturday, July 31st

from 9:00 am -1:00 pm

A neighborhood-wide garage sale!

For info: 654-1386

(No late calls, please.)

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Organization matters.
Persistence matters.
PANIL delivers these.

Nominees for PANIL Steering Committee 2010-2011

PANIL's Steering Committee, with input from neighbors, decides on positions PANIL will take on issues before the Planning Commission and City Council and organizes PANIL's monthly meetings. Steering Committee members advocate for PANIL policy through letters or appearances at public hearings. provides a voice for neighbors in civic and community affairs, including development and zoning, parks, and public safety concerns. PANIL helps neighbors advocate effectively with city government.

PANIL by-laws provide that new members of the Steering Committee are nominated by the Steering Committee for one year terms. The list of nominees will be sent to all current PANIL members by July 1; completed ballots will be due July 15. Results will be announced in the August issue of PANIL Notes.

Christine Abrams and her family have lived in the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood for the last 20 years. Her daughter, now a student at California State University of the East Bay, attended Piedmont Avenue Elementary School, and Christine was the treasurer for the Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood School Association during that period. Christine is the block captain for the 4200 block of Montgomery and a member of the North Oakland Senior Village Steering Committee.

I'm recently retired and wish to increase my participation in organizations that support and make my neighborhood a better place to live. PANIL is an example of that type of organization.

Margitta Gardner has been a member of the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood for several years. She is the block captain for Ramona Avenue, distribution coordinator for PANIL Notes, and current contact for Beat 9X's Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC). She

volunteers with the Friends of the Piedmont Avenue Branch Library and is a member of the Oakland Museum Women's Board.

I love everything about this neighborhood and my participation in PANIL is my way of giving back and supporting this amazing community.

Bill Manley has lived in the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood since 1990, and has been a PANIL member since then. He is active in transportation issues, public safety, and is a member of Walk Oakland/Bike Oakland (WOBO) the East Bay Bicycle Coalition. He has been the treasurer and the membership contact for PANIL the last four years.

I got involved with PANIL because I plan to be a long-timer in Oakland. PANIL has afforded me the opportunity to understand the city mechanisms, to get behind the press releases, and to have an impact on decision-makers.

Want to vote?
Join PANIL.

Go to:
<http://panil.org/join/index.htm>

Valerie Winemiller has been a member of PANIL since 1974 and has been the PANIL contact for zoning and land use issues for the last several years. She has also served on several city-wide task forces, most recently Oakland's Zoning Update Commercial Corridor Technical Advisory Group.

I've continued to support PANIL since 1974 because it's been a fascinating learning experience, because I've met many wonderful neighbors who have become valued friends, and because it is rewarding to give back to my community and to have an impact on its future.

Kelsey Krausen is a life-long resident of the Piedmont Avenue neighborhood. She is currently the Assistant Director of Policy at the National Writing Project and serves on the board of Oakland Ready to Learn.

I volunteer for the PANIL Steering Committee because I care about our community and I believe it is important to have a range of voices to represent our neighborhood.