



OFFICE OF MAYOR KEVIN JOHNSON



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OAK PARK RECEIVES EDUCATION GRANT FOR STUDENTS

On July 14th, Mayor Kevin Johnson and more than 40 organizations and over 300 community members launched the Oak Park Promise Neighborhood, an unprecedented partnership between Oak Park, the City of Sacramento, and UC Davis. Through this partnership, Oak Park, a distressed 50-block neighborhood adjacent to the UC Davis Health System Sacramento Campus, will be transformed into a community where every resident can live, learn, work and be healthy.

a cradle-to-career pipeline to improve the odds for all children in Oak Park.

In the Oak Park community, only 18 percent of third graders read at grade level, 19 percent are unemployed, and the average life expectancy is seven years less than the City at large. Decades-long deterioration of the neighborhood's economic and social conditions is attributed in part to residents moving out of the neighborhood to seek opportunity elsewhere.

Major announcements from the Launch:

- University of the Pacific will provide up to two scholarships per year to Oak Park students (\$44,000 undergraduate level and \$52,000 law school).
- Sac State is implementing a \$5 million grant

that will provide K-12 STEM education and college-to-career readiness to the Sacramento City Unified School District, including Oak Park students.

- Oak Park residents will have access to healthcare at UC Davis.
- Greater Sacramento Urban League is moving back to Oak Park to open an office that provides workforce training at all levels, so residents can access and have preference to 14,000 jobs at UC Davis Health Systems and other major employers.
- The Oak Park Promise Neighborhood will be applying for a Promise Neighborhood Grant, a five-year federal grant providing \$24-\$30 million in funding.

Take a look at a slide show for the great night! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y1RRNgkzL7k&feature=em-upload_owner#action=share

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The 15-year initiative creates



CITY SPONSORS "APPS FOR AG" AT CA STATE FAIR

At this year's State Fair, the City sponsored a California Statewide Ag Hackathon called Apps for Ag. Apps for Ag brings together the seemingly disparate worlds of software development and commercial farming into a collaborative event.

The First Place winner was GivingGarden, a hyper-local produce sharing app with a

big vision. The Second Place winner was Sense and Protect, IoT sensors and a mobile task management app to increase farm worker safety and productivity. The Third Place winner was ACP STAR SYSTEM, a geo and temporal database and platform for tracking Asian Citrus Psyllid and other invasive pests.

The Apps for Ag idea was

born during a meeting of the AgTech Roundtable. The program empowers teams collaboratively build solutions to real-world challenges. In June, the Mayor created the Mayor's Office for Innovation & Entrepreneurship to expand the startup pipeline, engage the innovation ecosystem, and make City Hall open for business. Pics are available at: <http://www.apps-for-ag.com/>



PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS

The City of Sacramento Summer at City Hall (S@CH) program is a six-week “summer school” internship opportunity for incoming high school juniors and seniors. Our collaborative partnership with the Natomas, Twin Rivers and Sacramento Unified School Districts, and the nonprofit organization WayUp Sacramento makes this program a great success.

Students are selected from each of the three school districts, to complete the summer course which includes daily instruction and a 30-hour internship with a variety of City departments,

other public agencies and local nonprofit locations.

The purpose of the S@CH program is to educate students on the overall local government process, how it operates, the differences between city departments, their functions and how they as citizens of Sacramento can be actively engaged, learning to access their local officials and become civically involved to improve their neighborhoods and communities. S@CH students also receive critical professional development skills through the program curriculum that prepares them for their future career paths. The level of exposure and learning the students receive in this comprehen-

sive summer internship is priceless.

As the Class of 2016 S@CH Internship Program comes to a close this Friday, July 29th with their annual graduation ceremony, the Neighborhood Services Division, in partnership with the program partners, Way Up Sacramento, the Naomasa, Twin Rivers and Sacramento Unified School districts all congratulate this year’s class and program staff on the extraordinary work they did to make this year’s program a huge success. It is the next generation of leadership that will raise the City of Sacramento to new heights!



Students who participated in The Summer at City Hall 2016

CITY OF SACRAMENTO CONSIDERS CANNABIS

Last year Governor Brown signed three bills into law that comprise the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act (MMRSA) creating a regulatory system almost 20 years after medical marijuana was legalized in California. The City worked hard to ensure that the MMRSA allowed for local control so the City could chart its own course which is what we are working on right now. The City is designing a framework that

would allow for cultivation, manufacturing, delivery and distribution of legal medical marijuana. Recently, the Planning and Design Commission approved and recommended land use provisions related to cultivation.

On August 9th, the Law & Legislation Committee will review the Commission’s recommendation and send it to the Council for final approval. At the same meeting, the Committee will consider staff recommendations

related to regulations for obtaining a Business Operating Permit for cannabis cultivation. This two-step process, a Conditional Use Permit for land use and a Business Operating Permit for running a cultivation site, are intended to ensure that cultivators are operating in a safe manner and being good neighbors. To get on the list for more information on the marijuana regulation process, contact Ranelle Kawasaki at RKawasaki@cityofsacramento.org.

SEARCH FOR CITY MANAGER CONTINUES INTO FALL

The Mayor and Council has recently begun its interview process for hiring a new City Manager. Thus far, the City has received substantial interest in this important position resulting in a much larger applicant pool than in previous recruitments. Just as important, the applicant pool has been reflective of the diversity of our City. The interview process is expected to go on throughout the month of August

with the selection of a final candidate later this fall. The new City Manager will likely begin their tenure in November of this year.

The Mayor and City Council are actively searching for qualified individuals who are a strong, visionary, principled leader to guide the City into a bold new era of growth and vitality. Strong interpersonal skills, unquestioned integrity, and an appreciation for diversi-

ty within the City organization are some of the qualities the Mayor, City Council, and the public deemed important skill set the new City Manager to possess. Interested candidates should apply as soon as possible.

For more information, please see the brochure at <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/citymanagersearch>



CITY AUDITOR PROVIDES NUMBERS FOR CITYWIDE DIVERSITY REPORT

On July 19 the City Auditor presented his full diversity report to the City’s Budget and Audit Committee.

The report found that the city’s employees – and its Police and Fire departments – are significantly less diverse than the public they serve. In all but two of 17 city departments examined, more than 50 percent of managers are white. Compared to a citywide demographic where 35% of Sacramentans are white.

Of the 13 directors that oversee city departments, 11 are white. The city’s chief information officer is Hispanic,

and the director of public safety accountability is black, according to the report. At the committee meeting Mayor Johnson expressed the numbers are dismal and he is not proud about the findings of the report.

Minorities and women remain largely shut out of the highest paying jobs.

In the City Attorney’s Office, 70 percent of managers are white, as are 71 percent of firefighters who work for the Sacramento Fire Department.

The city audit looked at staff information dating back to

2001, and concluded that diversity in the city’s Police Department has changed little over the past 15 years – and has actually declined when it comes to black employees.

Mayor Johnson called for an audit of money allotted to the Police Department to increase diversity. The city gave the department \$1 million in each of the past two budget years for diversity programs. Mayor Johnson said a review of the effectiveness of programs funded with that money was needed.

One of the most startling findings in the audit was how underrepresented Hispanics are in

city management ranks throughout departments. In every department except economic development, there was a double-digit discrepancy in the percentage of Hispanics in management roles compared to the percentage of Hispanics in Sacramento in general. Overall, Hispanics were underrepresented in top jobs by 20 percentage points when compared to their overall population numbers.

Mayor Johnson said he would ask the committee to create an action plan to present to the full City Council.

The City Auditor is scheduled to present his full report to Council on August 4.

SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY POLICING UPDATE: PROFILING AND HIRING

The Sacramento Community Police Commission is currently on a two month break to allow the commissioners time to engage the community. The 11 member commission was broken down into two separate ad hoc groups. The first ad hoc will address accountability and had two separate components.

1) Talk to minority members of the public and determine if they feel they have ever

been racially profiled via a pedestrian or traffic stop and determine what it was about the stop that made the person feel discriminated against.

2) Talk to the community about critical incidents and determine:

- a) How the community have been notified of critical incidents in the past.
- b) How they prefer to be notified in the future, and;
- c) What type of information

would they like to received regarding the critical incident?

The second ad hoc group was tasked with talking to member or the minority community to discuss police hiring. They were looking to solicit information regarding:

- 1) Why or why aren’t community members applying for the police department.
- 2) If they have applied, what was there opinion of the pro-

cess, and;

3) If they haven’t applied, what incentives would get them to apply?

Once the ad hoc groups have gathered enough feedback from the community, they will report to the entire commission their findings.

The next commission meeting will be Monday August 8th, 6pm at City Hall.

NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPICS TRACK AND FIELD COMES TO SACRAMENTO

Mayor Johnson is proud to welcome the 50th USA Track and Field (USATF) National Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships to Sacramento July 25 –31. Many of today’s Olympic stars began their track and field careers competing in the USATF National Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships.

Entry for this championship is based on athlete perfor-

mances at preliminary, Association, and Regional levels of the 2016 USATF Junior Olympic Program. The Competition takes place in six two-year age divisions, with athletes generally falling between the ages of 7 and 18.

Since the mid-1960s, the USATF Junior Olympic program has been the most visible youth athlete developmental program in the world. Nearly 70,000 youth athletes compete

each year in the Junior Olympic Track and Field and Cross Country programs. America’s next generation of track and field stars will be competing throughout the summer and will take center stage at the national championships in Sacramento.

Sacramento figures prominently in the history of U.S. track and field over the past 50 years, starting with a legend’s historic sprint in 1966 and continuing

into 2014 with the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

City Manager, John Shirey, serves as the Vertical Jumps Coordinator, where he oversees all pole vault and high jump events.



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Since I became Mayor in 2008, my vision has been to make Sacramento "A City that Works For Everyone".

Sacramento is the capital city of California and is located in Sacramento County. It is at the confluence of the Sacramento River and the American River in the northern portion of California's expansive Central Valley. Its estimated 2014 population of 485,199 made it the sixth-largest city in California. Sacramento is the cultural and economic core of the Sacramento metropolitan area, which includes seven counties with a 2010 population of 2,414,783. Its metropolitan area is the fourth largest in California after the Greater Los Angeles area, the San Francisco Bay Area, and the San Diego metropolitan area, and is the 27th largest in the United States. In 2002, the Civil Rights Project conducted at Harvard University for TIME magazine named Sacramento "America's Most Diverse City".



Community leader and Pastor
Lesley "Les" Simmons

SPOTLIGHT SACRAMENTO: LES SIMMONS

Lesley Simmons received a Bachelor's Degree in Christian Education and an honorary Doctorate Degree in Theology. From there he immediately went into full time ministry as Assistant Pastor at South Sacramento Christian Center (SSCC). Affectionately known by his congregation as Pastor Les, his influence far exceeds the boundaries of the church building.

At only 37 years of age, he continually engages community and national issues that affect the African-American and underserved communities.

Pastor Les' work over the past few years has shown his sense of obligation to changing the lives of those not only in Sacramento, but this nation by his involvement in modern civil rights issues, such as Ferguson and the Flint Water Crisis,

which allows him to bring challenging, yet thought provoking issues to the forefront of conversations. He uses the relationships he has developed to speak out on behalf of the injustices that occur in our communities. Pastor Les is continually inspired by those who have paved the path in prior generations, and he is determined to continue clearing new roads for those who come after us.

He serves on the board of Sacramento Act, which is a community organization that focuses on empowering people to make a real commitment to change the social issues facing our communities. These include, but are not limited to gang violence prevention, police and community relations, health awareness, school to prison pipeline, and human trafficking.

With the recent purchase of SSCC's new facility, historically known as Cal Skate, Pastor Les plans to further empower the community with service based programs to empower our youth, family, and those at risk. He is a husband, father and great community leader. He is driven, focused and passionate about the work that he is doing for the Kingdom and his community.

If you know anyone making a difference that you think should be recognized, email Jovan Agee at: jagee@cityofsacramento.org!

