



Mayor Libby Schaaf

Mayor of Oakland, California

Mayor Libby Schaaf was born and raised in Oakland, which she proudly describes as, "The most unapologetic Sanctuary City in America." During her tenure, Oakland has undergone an economic revitalization and building boom, as well as cut gun violence in half. Her "17K/17K Housing Plan" has helped increase Oakland's affordable housing production, stabilize rents, and decrease evictions. Her innovative public-private partnerships Keep Oakland Housed and Cabin Communities are credited with preventing 1,800 families a year from losing their housing, while resolving some of Oakland's most unsafe street encampments. In 2019, Gov. Gavin Newsom appointed Mayor Schaaf to California's first Council of Regional Homeless Advisors. Mayor Schaaf is most proud of launching the Oakland Promise, a bold cradle-to-career initiative. This initiative has sent more than 1,400 Oakland students (and counting) to college with scholarships and mentors, and will give every baby born into poverty a \$500 college savings account at birth.

Quote

"The climate crisis demands bold action. Oakland has demonstrated that an equity-centered approach can balance the need to reduce emissions while maintaining focus on creating affordable housing, reducing homelessness, and reducing racial disparities in employment and safety."

Climate Credentials

Mayor Schaaf has consistently provided progressive climate leadership in her tenure as Mayor of Oakland. She has overseen passage of the Equitable Climate Action Plan, an equity-based strategy to reduce GHG emissions by more than 60% by 2030. She has guided policy successes such as a full natural gas ban in all newly constructed buildings (2020), addition of more than 100 bike lane miles in the past five years, secured more than \$130M in sustainable housing funding between 2019-2022, and helped create East Bay Community Energy, a local energy provider delivering renewable energy across the County and injecting more than \$10M per year into the local clean energy economy. She has represented Oakland at previous COPs and United Nations Habitat conferences, and is a powerful speaker on equitable climate solutions for one of America's most diverse and challenging cities.

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