



Jean with trainees at the Cypress Mandela Green Jobs training program.

Jean Quan

for Oakland Mayor

Accomplishments & Visions

Growing Oakland's Green Legacy

"Oakland deserves representatives who fight for green policies for our future generations."

Accomplishments:

Oakland is consistently named one of the nation's top ten green cities. Jean Quan has long been Oakland's most passionate eco-advocate, leading initiatives to protect **open spaces** and **green our urban environment**. As chair of the Alameda Waste Management Authority and a national "Smart Growth" leader, Jean has led efforts to:

- ⊕ Expand recycling, adopt **Zero Waste** and Bay Friendly landscaping standards, require composting, introduce the city's first solar trash container, and dramatically reduce polystyrene, fast food containers and plastic bags in the waste stream.
- ⊕ Protect our **creeks and watersheds**, conserve 20 acres of open space in Butters and Castle Canyons, restore native plants, and ban fishing in Sausal Creek. Her organizing resulted in District 4 having the most Earth Day and Creek-to-Bay Day events.
- ⊕ Fund major **tree planting** efforts, Oak tree restoration, and school gardens, and establish Oakland's Big Tree Registry. Jean is a major supporter of the Friends of Sausal Creek, Oakland's leading grassroots creek restoration organization.
- ⊕ Expand **bike paths** and pedestrian trails/pathways and preserve bus service.
- ⊕ Change the League of Cities positions to support the AB 32/375 **Climate Change** bill, as Oakland's representative, despite the recent effort to overturn that support this year.
- ⊕ Move forward statewide "**Smart Growth**" efforts and water-use principles as Vice Chair of the Local Government Commission, and host seminars to educate local officials and build regional alliances for ecological smart development.
- ⊕ Support **teacher training** on environmental issues as the Chair and founding Board member of the Chabot Space and Science Center, including opening a major climate change exhibit, classroom camp and student education program.

Plans & Visions:

We must continue to **innovate and integrate green policies** throughout Oakland to develop a **thriving local green economy** and create a healthier environment for all residents:

- Build on Oakland's growing green businesses to make it a **center of green Industry** by matching new green jobs with Oakland-based green trainees to ensure that jobs generated by Federal Stimulus dollars go to Oaklanders via appropriate training and internship programs.
- Establish a **Green Forum** where Oakland's many "green" initiatives and task forces — Zero Waste, Oil Independence, Food Policy Council, Climate Action Plan, Safe Ports and others — can better coordinate their efforts.
- Further strengthen "**Smart Growth**" policies to ensure that Oakland develops as a walkable, bikable city, including fine tuning policies that provide for more public schools, public spaces, walking malls and local businesses in residential neighborhoods.
- Launch a pilot policy to **reduce vehicle use and parking** by reducing minimum parking requirements when buildings provide annual transportation passes (BART/AC Transit) or Car Share membership to residents. Stabilize funding for the downtown shuttle and funding for shuttles for seniors.
- Work closely with the Port of Oakland to **improve air quality** in West Oakland, including retrofitting air purification systems at schools and in homes in affected areas.
- Establish an **aggressive urban forestry program** to replace Oakland's aging trees in the fire-prone hills with sustainable trees in East and West Oakland where trees provide shade and improve air quality.
- Coordinate with the Oakland Unified School District to **green our schools**, expand ecological education programs for students, support green internship and apprentice programs, and link young Oaklanders to green job training programs.



Join Jean and the movement to green Oakland block by block!

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