



Class of 2027 Calendar

Orientation & Reception

Thursday, October 8,
2026 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Come meet your fellow cohort members, chat with program alumni, and learn about what's in store for the Leadership Oakland Class of 2027.

Session 1 – Leadership Development

Friday, October 9, 2026
8:30am-4:00pm

Introduces core leadership concepts and values clarification to help participants understand their personal leadership style. Participants will explore how values influence decision-making and apply these insights to real-world professional challenges through facilitated discussion and a hands-on workshop.

Session 2 – Arts and Education

Friday, November 6, 2026
8:30am-4:00pm

Explores Oakland's arts and education ecosystem through site visits, panels, and school-based learning experiences. Arts professionals highlight Oakland's creative scene and its role in shaping culture and community impact. Leaders from OUSD and community-based organizations examine how collaboration across sectors supports youth development and student success across Oakland.

Session 3 – Oakland Gov't 101; Boards & Commissions

Friday, December 4, 2026
8:30am-4:00pm
Winter Celebration: 4:00pm-6:00pm

A full-day immersion into Oakland's civic leadership and decision-making system through conversations with the Mayor, elected officials, and city leadership. Participants will explore how policy is shaped across key city offices and recent election trends. The day concludes with a roundtable with Oakland commissioners on city operations, oversight, and civic engagement.

Session 4 – Public Safety

Friday, January 8, 2027
8:30am-4:00pm

This session explores Oakland's public safety system through conversations with leaders from the Oakland Police Department, Oakland Fire Department, MACRO, and the Department of Violence Prevention. Participants will learn about the city's emergency response systems, prevention strategies, and community-led approaches to building safer neighborhoods.



Session 5 – Housing and Homelessness;

Friday, February 12, 2027
8:30am-4:00pm

Deep dive on key priorities in Oakland, including homelessness and housing, through conversations with city government and nonprofit leaders focused on service delivery, system coordination, and equity in response systems. Participants will also engage with development leaders to discuss housing production, planning, and strategies for expanding affordable and equitable housing in Oakland.

Session 6 – Health and the Environment

Friday, March 5, 2027
8:30am-4:00pm
Spring Celebration: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Discusses the impact of public health, environmental sustainability, and community well-being in Oakland. Through conversations with healthcare, nonprofit, and environmental leaders, participants will explore efforts to expand care access, address health disparities, advance climate resilience, and strengthen environmental systems.

Session 7 – Culture and Communications

Friday, April 2, 2027
8:30am-4:00pm

This full-day session explores culture, communications, media, and public engagement in Oakland through conversations with leaders from major cultural institutions, tourism, local government, and broadcast media. Participants will learn how organizations shape Oakland's identity, build community trust, and use storytelling and communications strategies to engage the public, alongside hands-on media training and an inside look at KTVU's newsroom operations.

Session 8 – Business and Transportation & Graduation

Friday, May 7, 2027
8:30am - 4:00pm
Graduation 4:00 - 6:00pm

You'll have the opportunity to engage with Oakland business and industry leaders on what makes Oakland both a dynamic and complex place to do business. Learn about the future of transportation as regional demand and population growth continue to shape infrastructure needs. Explore the role of the Port of Oakland in supporting the region's economic hub, as well as the shipping, aviation, and broader logistics industries.

During Graduation, Leadership Oakland participants will be recognized for their achievements, take part in a graduation ceremony, and have the opportunity to network with program sponsors, alumni, friends, and family.

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