

Lynette Gibson McElhaney
District 3 Councilmember
City of Oakland



Lynette Gibson McElhaney is serving a second term representing Oakland's Council District 3 – the area that includes West Oakland, Downtown/Uptown, Jack London, Pill Hill/KONO, the Lake, and the Port of Oakland. A 20-year leader in affordable housing with experience as an executive director for a housing nonprofit, she is known as a bridge builder and advocate that balances neighborhood needs with the need

of the local economy to create jobs, expand opportunities, and increase access to retail and services for local residents. In 2015, She was named one of San Francisco Business Times' "most influential women in Bay Area business."

Lynette currently chairs the Council's Finance and Management Committee. She also serves on the executive committees for the Youth Ventures JPA, the Coliseum Authority, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (EDA), and the Alameda County- Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP). Some of her chief accomplishments include:

- The establishment of the first inter-jurisdictional task force to end sex trafficking of children.
- The creation of a Proactive Rental Inspection service to ensure safe dwellings for families and their children and protect them for predatory landlords
- Leading the efforts to preserve a \$25 million public safety measure, Measure Z, which funds a holistic approach to improving public safety by investing in community policing along with prevention and intervention strategies to reduce gun-related violence
- The creation of the Department of Violence prevention which seeks to implement community focused and community lead strategies to

drastically reduce homicides, domestic violence, and the sexual exploitation of children

- The establishment of the Black Arts Movement and Business District along the historic 14th Street Corridor
- The implementation of the Compassionate Communities Pilot collaboration between the City of Oakland and Alameda County which created the first sanctioned, unsheltered community in the city.

In addition to her work as an elected leader she is a mentoring member of the International John Maxwell Team, where she provides leadership development training and coaching for Fortune 500 businesses and individuals, equipping youth and adults with the skills to lead and excel through troubled times.