

Here's the full transcript from Charlene Wang's Lakeshore LHA presentation and Q&A on 11/19/25.
Key topics: public safety, homelessness, and local updates.

Charlene Wang: Okay, sounds good, and thank you so much, James, for inviting me. I think you gave me 15 minutes to give a speech, as well as 15 minutes to take Q&A, so...

I'll go ahead and give a pretty, actually, detailed review about things that I've been working on. And before I get into that, I also want to thank everyone who is on this call. I know that you're taking the time after work, your family responsibilities, et cetera, to show up and stay engaged on the future of, not only Lakeshore, but also our greater Oakland communities. And I'm not gonna lie, you know, there are a lot of challenges with the city, whether it's crime, homelessness.

They're on top of what we were seeing at the federal level, including ICE action that took place here today. Agents were detected in West Oakland. It can feel demoralizing, but it's always hopeful for me to see community members like yourselves to step up, be involved, and engaged. So, I do want to talk about a few key things. Really, I want to hone in on the things I hear most frequently from residents across District 2. So, I'm going to be talking about public safety, homelessness, as well as encampment management, transportation, and just general neighborhood livability, including that darn dumpster situation on Lakeshore.

On public safety, I did just get a report from OPD last night at the Public Safety Committee. For those who are not aware, I'm actually the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, and you know, we did hear from OPD that violent crime is down 31%, crime overall is down 28%, which is trending downwards. That's good, obviously, but there's still a long way to go, in my opinion. Still compared, at the federal level, we are still, one of the cities nationwide most challenged with crime. And it's unacceptably high, and we know just this last week, there were two school shootings that took place, and the loss of Coach John Beam is just, it's devastating.

He was someone who gave back so much to the community, and he could have spent his time, you know, as a professional coach in the NFL League, but he spent his time really giving back as an educator and a mentor to Oakland's youth, especially disadvantaged youth, and due to our lack of security – I remember talking to Dr. Opsata, who is the president of Laney College, and she had noted that the district had moved away from having a contract with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office towards having security, which really were unarmed. Every time there's an issue, they have to call in OPD, and we saw that issue play out, you know, with this incident. And, of course, the same issues with Skyline.

So, I have reached out to the elected leadership of the respective Peralta School Board is, as well as the OUSD School Board to have conversations around school safety, campus safety, and what we need to do to secure our campuses. I would just say, on gun violence, I'm also looking into the use of gun violence restraining orders. This is a recent state law, and just really making sure that our city and our law enforcement departments are fully utilizing that provision that we now have available in our state law.

We also got, a report last night from the City Auditor about our long 911 response times. Our Priority 1 phone calls warrant a 9-minute response time. We have specific recommendations from the City Auditor on what to do about those long response times. I'm really grateful for the City Auditor for putting

forward actionable recommendations, and that's not acceptable. The national standard is 5 minutes for a Priority 1 phone call, and we are nearly double that time here in the City of Oakland.

And unfortunately, a lot of what ties back to our challenges does have to do with just our short staffing issues. I have made police recruitment one of my top priorities. I campaigned on that. We are partnering with organizations like Oakland NAACP, the mayor's team, and local community organizations. We went out to a church in, Deep East Oakland. Later this month, we have another, recruiting event at a church in West Oakland with, African immigrant communities, excuse me, not a church, a mosque, actually, to really get community-based policing people here from, Oakland.

I'm also going to be calling on our business improvement districts. We have a set of posters that we're going to hope, and we would love to get help from the community to put it up in every single small business that's willing to put up a poster that makes clear, you know, the salaries to be a police dispatcher, training, you get \$7,500 to be, trained in the police academy, And just all the details, and how to sign up to become either an officer or police dispatcher. If anyone is interested in working with myself and my team on doing this kind of recruitment, I really, would encourage you to reach out to me.

This last budget cycle, for example, I had protected, a police academy from being canceled from some of my colleagues, and, we wound up funding 5 police academies. I will say that I have not been satisfied with our, recruitment rates. Our most recent academy, we extended the deadline for people to apply to November 28th, since we didn't get enough qualified recruits, and you know, at this rate, I will not be able to justify the expense of a new academy without first making sure that we're totally filling up the academies that we're currently funding. So, I really do need everyone's help and support to get the word out.

On top of that, I just want to address real quick some other safety issues. We passed the resolution to limit late-night parking at the Lakeshore cul-de-sac. I know that sounds bizarre as a public safety issue, but what I've learned through multiple ride-alongs with OPD is that we have to use these tools to be proactive because of the short staffing. Police do not have the time or the ability to just, you know, walk around and wait for an incident to happen, so proactive measures like limiting parking in a cul-de-sac that has been experiencing lots of gun violence are another tool that we're going to be utilizing in more places, but certainly in that area in the district.

We've also have been cracking down on smoke shops and gambling dens, especially in the San Antonio District. We have human trafficking, drug trafficking, we have literal slot machine, Vegas-style casinos in basements in some of our business corridors. We just shut down one of those, criminal businesses, with, in conjunction with the city attorney's office, so making, making some movement on that. I am chairing a city-county State Human Trafficking Task Force. That includes, the DA, Supervisor Tam, and Mayor Lee, with just a whole-of-government approach to human trafficking. It's ultimately modern-day slavery and we cannot allow this to continue in our borders, and certainly District 2 has become the hotspot in the county, if not the state, for human trafficking. So, it's unacceptable. I'm really gonna be focused on enforcement, including introducing some legislation that will allow for more enforcement against Johns. So, these are the buyers of sex, as well as pimps, those who are trafficking minors and women into our district. Just disgusting and unacceptable.

Let's see, I did want to address, finally, this item on the flock camera system, since I know many of you were watching last night. Unfortunately, that did not make it past a public safety committee. Myself and

Councilmember Houston voted for it. Councilmember Fife and Councilmember Brown, voted against, moving forward the Flock safety real-time operations center that OPD was proposing. And, I'm not gonna lie, I'm pretty disappointed. I know that there are definitely fears, things that have been surfaced by privacy activists around, you know, the flock camera system and I introduced amendments to bolster up safeguards, including a \$200,000 penalty for every instance of any sort of unauthorized, data usage, and still it was not able to get through. So, I will be discussing with the Council President next steps on that front, but it was that very technology that actually allowed OPD to apprehend John Beam's killer.

You know, if this technology was being used in Texas, I would be concerned, but here in the state of California, we have multiple safeguards, and every law enforcement agency in the region is using Flock, and so if we don't move forward, we are an outlier, and furthermore, the current contract with Flock is actually moving 293 cameras that are operated currently by CHP and moving it to operations under OPD. So, arguably, it was actually strengthening the data security, because we as the city would own that instead of the state.

And, and furthermore, I would just say that we are a sanctuary city and I will say that I will seek to further strengthen the safeguards, against any sort of data misuse by Flock. But we do need camera systems, and that contract is set to expire next month, and so I do have fears about what it would mean for these cameras that have been very powerful for us to combat crime.

Okay, I realized I've taken up more time than I expected on the public safety item, but it is a really important one, so I'm going to breeze through some of these next items, and people are free to ask questions.

We've really been focused, too, on making sure that we're proactive on encampments. I continue to, of course, see tents pop up in the district. We are really trying to be proactive with the encampment management team. Unfortunately, right now, they are on a pause, due to the point-in-time count, which is essentially like a census of the homeless population that ensures that Oakland will be getting its due funding from the federal housing of the HUD department. In essence, that count does need to carry out. If you see more tents pop up, that's in part because we have needed to pause those operations, but nonetheless, we've been successfully able to close some of the dangerous encampments alongside ensuring those individuals have access to housing or some sort of relocation offer.

Meanwhile, with the county having Measure W funding going out, I'm really looking at a shelter expansion plan, for the district that is aimed at solving multiple problems. That is, we have a number of motels that are hubs of crime, including sex trafficking and drug trafficking, to convert those into homeless shelters. That includes the America's Best Value Inn on International Boulevard, and we're working with a non-profit to move forward that conversion.

And then let me just very quickly touch upon Underhills, and that situation. We did meet with OakDOT today. I am not going to lie, I was pretty disappointed. We brought out the city administrator to meet with us, for those who don't know. As stated in the city charter, it is actually a misdemeanor for me to direct city staff, so my tool of actually getting the city administration and the city staff to carry out my objectives on a project-based level, for example, with our transportation department, is I have to bring in the city administrator, and, essentially get him to carry out these objectives.

I've been troubled with how that project has been carried out. Happy to hear, you know, from what you're seeing on the ground, but last we had heard, you know, Waste Management hasn't been doing pickup on that street, due to, some of the street restructurings or the narrowing of the street.

And then, in particular, what concerned me was what happened at Crocker Highlands Elementary. My staff did, work with OakDot to get personnel at Crocker during the opening of the school as well as traffic safety improvements, but honestly, it's not going far enough. Even getting some handicapped spots – there's just a lot of frustrating bureaucracy, so I wish there was something more positive to report on that, but that's where we're at on that.

The other very local issue for this group is the Lakeshore dumpster issue. As I understand it, that's been, a challenge for years. We pushed and pushed with Waste Management and our Public Works Department, and was able to get a majority of the businesses to convert from those oversized dumpsters to the smaller push carts. I learned a lot about our waste collection systems over the last couple of months, and there's still more work to be done, but at least we've been able to make some improvements since it was becoming a truly disastrous situation, and now those businesses are bringing in the push carts and then putting them out, and that is what they've been instructed to do. We talked to some business owners in a terse manner and sent out letters from my office to just let individuals know that this was unacceptable, that citations were forthcoming alongside the Public Works Department.

I just want to mention that, you know, we have some new rainbow crosswalks at, at Lakeshore. You might have noticed it. We are, it's the LGBTQ Cultural District, which is really exciting. We're also launching a Boarded-to-Bustling program for District 2 that's really going to focus on technical assistance, coaching, permit support, with the goal to open 20 vacant storefronts across the district into filled businesses.

So, I think I've gone on for a lot. There is a lot more, so I would like to just take some questions, actually, so...

James: Awesome. Thank you for covering so much, and for all the work you've been doing on our behalf, and for the city as a whole. Do we have anybody with questions?

Jennifer: Okay, so, first, thank you for everything you've done on Under Hills. You've gotten us more attention from anyone downtown than we were ever able to get, so I thank you for that. You should know garbage trucks on Monday, went against traffic the whole way down, but he did drive down the street and picked up the garbage on Monday. So, slight improvement – we still regularly have cars and trucks going the wrong way.

Is there anything we can do on the flock camera issue? I was so disappointed in the vote yesterday. Is there anything we, as people who live in the city of Oakland, can do to put pressure on somebody to move that along?

Second point – I actually take classes at Laney College, so I drive through all of District 2 all the time now and there is so much dumping down there. It is such a mess, and I see Urban Compassion Project come in. My classes were on Saturdays last term, so I never was able to volunteer, but I see they come in, they clean it up, and two weeks later, it's starting to be a mess again, and so I'd like to hear more about what the city is actually going to try to do to take care of all this dumping. I read Josh Rowan's article about

that. That didn't impress me any more than anything I've heard him say about Underhills Road, and OakDot, but I'd like to know what you know about what the city's really trying to do to stop the dumping and to clean up the dumping.

And that's it! Thank you, Charlene.

Charlene Wang: Yes, great, great question. So, I'll take that, I suppose, as a small win on the garbage truck. On the illegal dumping issue, there's, a couple of things that we're doing to tackle illegal dumping, and there's still a long way that we need to go. The council funded, \$1 million in technology to combat illegal dumping. I have found that, as a city councilmember, we fund things and then the implementation of them can be quite slow. So, the last I heard is that those cameras aren't up yet, but that is a reminder that I can actually put that as an informational report into the Public Works and Transportation Committee, where I sit as one of the members.

Some of what I've learned about illegal dumping – I recently attended, the county regional illegal, dumping partnership that was held by Supervisor Miley and I really appreciate his leadership on this – is that unfortunately, the road to hell is paved with good intentions. I hate to say this as an environmentalist, as someone with an environmental background, but it seems that what had happened with some of our rates with waste management, is that we had inadvertently, by trying to drive a zero-waste policy, made it extremely expensive for the larger 60-gallon, for example, 40-gallon, 60-gallon canisters.

And in trying to drive people towards the 20-gallon carts – again, I've learned a lot about our waste collection practices in the last couple of months – and what you'll see is in the lower-income neighborhoods, it's like families can't afford, you know, to pay the exorbitant price that we now set at the 60-gallon, 40-gallon rate. And what we've done now is people just then dumped illegally. And unfortunately, you know, there's a convenient narrative that it's outside people. Sure, there are some outside folks doing it, but it is a lot of just residential waste.

The other thing that I'm looking to introduce with Director Rowan is actually mandatory garbage waste pickup firm businesses, so many, especially those on International Boulevard, don't have garbage pickup, and so they just dump it outside and we're looking at an assessment that would just be automatically applied to their business license. So that way, if you didn't sign up, we will sign up for you, and nonetheless, your garbage will get picked up. That's just what you need to do to operate a business, and it penalizes the businesses that are actually compliant. So, stuff is being looked into, but I acknowledge it's not enough.

On the picking up side of things, the mayor has launched a Keep Oakland Beautiful initiative that is a second-chance jobs programs. We have been doing some cleanups in the district, and independently have organized a number of cleanups in the Clinton Park, in San Antonio area. And thank you for notifying me about, Laney College, so we can look into that, too.

James Breeden: Thank you.

Gerald: Yes, I'm a neighbor here. I must say you have an enormous list of things to worry about, Charlene, and I almost hate to lay this one on you. You know about it, but just very briefly, the Port of Oakland is expanding. Projections say there'll be more freight coming in and out in the future than now. The East Bay population is probably due to expand as well. That means that the amount of freight that has to come in through the city and to the port is also expanding, and will be expanding. So, the question is, how does it get here?

Now, there's not too many ways you can do that. One way involves improving significantly the rail access, freight rail. That's possible. There are things that can be done, but the... it seems like the responsibility for getting that done is somewhat spread around. No, the JPA, Cal Train passenger rail system, they don't take responsibility for that. It's not directly theirs. You have the state, you have the Fed, you have the port, you have the city of Oakland, but it isn't... it isn't a collected intent to get that fixed. But on the other side of the ledger, you have Caltrans. Now, Caltrans has a decades-old reputation of being I'd say brutally committed to only one form of transportation, and that's via asphalt and rubber tires.

So, if you make more space for trucks on I-580, there'll be more trucks. It's not a matter of just shifting trucks from 880. More space, coupled with more demand for freight, and no other options on the table, means that they will put more trucks through Oakland and attempt to connect them to the port of Oakland.

So, the damage that Caltrans did to Oakland back in the 50s, with both of those freeways is unacceptable. It is just massive and major. And what I heard at their public meeting last week, sounds like it could easily be more of the same. They didn't answer, I don't think, a single question. People asked very smart questions, covered a lot of the issues, none of them were answered. All we ever heard was, well, we'll certainly look at that. Good question. We'll look at it.

So, I'm... I think Caltrans, having some political momentum behind it already, it looks like it's gonna be PR from here on out, they're gonna stay the course, and keep going with this, and quietly get this done, because they are focused, and they probably have access to federal money, and already have some of it committed, and this will happen unless something else happens. And I just laid out, not just for you, but for everybody listening, it's a big problem upcoming, and I think we should do something about it. Thank you.

Charlene Wang: Okay, sounds good, Gerald. Yes, I saw a question in the chat, too, around the I-580 truck ban. So, I know Caltrans is carrying out their study. I do think that you know, I am interested in seeing what comes out of that study. It's already being funded. I will be reaching out to our state representatives. I think... I believe that's Jesse Arreguin and Mia Bonta, to just confer with them on the process to make sure that there can be better representation from Lakeshore LHA as part of the process. I believe, James, I saw your letter on that, and I would like to see representation from the community that's going to be impacted, as well as all the communities that will be impacted alongside I-580. I know that this was coming from out of a push out of West Oakland, but I think it's pitting communities against each other, so I do think that... I do want to see the study, but I think it's only fair that representation from the communities along I-580 is there as part of the technical advisory group.

Oh, and then I heard, sorry, I didn't answer the other question, which was around what can the community do around Flock. When, and I hope it will, this... I will be, working... I'll be conferring with the

Council President on rescheduling the Flock item. I would just say, you know, I am one council member, and really the public comment really does make an influence on, my fellow council members. And so, when the room was packed, basically, with activists that don't represent what the majority of people are thinking.

The ratio was bad on this last Tuesday, I think there was, maybe 3 people that showed up. I wish I was exaggerating, and then a hundred 70 public commenters, or something in that fashion. I'm only somewhat exaggerating that ratio there, but it was so skewed, that I think that it's easy for people to lose sight, that once you step out of that city hall room that most people really, are still often, you know, concerned about being victimized by crime.

And I think what has also been unhelpful is just a lot of, inflammatory language, and it's almost you know, I've been getting to get to know our, Lieutenant Urquiza, who is really, our expert within OPD, and we need to also listen to the experts. You know, this is where do we bow down to what sounds popular and what sounds, you know what sounds morally just, but is based off of inflammatory misinformation, or are we going to listen to the experts who have been working for so long, on these systems, where if you listen to our lieutenant, too, he could have, gone for an easier path forward?

He decided to pursue this path forward because he had noted that the technology, that would have been the easier path, would have resulted in inequities that communities out in deep east Oakland wouldn't have been able to benefit from technology, and those are the communities where you look at some of the recent pooling, where they want more police, they feel most that the direction of the city is heading downwards because, again, people don't have basic public safety.

So, I will talk to James when that item, if and when it gets scheduled, that way people can come out in support of the item. And I just...I know it's scary, it can be intimidating, but we need some people to come out and, you know, withstand that heat. And yes, those activists, unfortunately, it can be a heated room, but that's what they do. That's their tactic. They intimidate, they do that, that way so people, reasonable people can't voice their opinion.

James Breeden: I think it's also difficult, Charlene. The activists are focused on one thing, but many of us have multiple things that we have to deal with. I came to the first two, public safety hearings on the Flock cameras, and both of them got canceled, because of lack of quorum, and I couldn't make yesterdays, but... so, like, it feels like we can't plan ahead whether it's gonna happen or not. I would have, like, had I known a week in advance, I could have scheduled that and been... right? But it feels like everything is so... maybe it'll happen, maybe it won't. Showing up becomes, unfeasible. Is there a way that we can, like, know further in advance? Is there something we can do to pressure people to actually show up so you have quorum? Your parking spot was full both those times I showed up for the first two meetings. Your little D2 spot was full, but the other ones were empty.

Charlene Wang: Yeah, well, yeah, to be fair, in the meeting that got canceled, I assure you people were genuinely sick that day, so that was really my colleagues being sick, and then, you know, I will just, as soon as I find out if and when we get it scheduled, I will let you know, James.

James Breeden: Okay.

Charlene Wang: Yeah.

James Breeden: I will try to be there, and I'll definitely send out something to everybody else so that they can be there if they would like to.

Charlene Wang: Okay, sounds good.

Charlene Wang: Yes, definitely.

James Breeden: Is there something... I'll ask a follow-up question. Is there something we can do, to help city council members not be controlled by activists? I mean, our city, on all kinds of issues for the last 20 years, has been sort of ruled by the loudest people. Is there something we can do to combat that? We tend to not be the loudest people.

Charlene Wang: I know. I think, unfortunately, we need, like, this... I mean, the definition of being, like pragmatic and being like, you know, a person who doesn't have an axe to grind and kind of just flame throw at. I'm sorry, I used to have my activist days, so, okay, when I was young, okay? But we've matured, and now we've seen, you know, there's multiple things that you have to balance as, as someone who is, you know, a government leader, and, you know, I think people just need to be as organized, as activated as, these, I mean, petitions. The problem, Gerald, about petitions is that, ultimately I would say what I've observed. I know, I will... without naming them, there might have been some city council members that were, like, you know, on the edge there, and I think they... people do get influenced by, the presence and the public comment in the room, and rarely, I think the most impactful thing is to show up and make your voice heard, but to be just as organized as those activists.

Jim Donatelli: Hey, Charlene, Jim Donatelli. Hello, everyone. Would it be helpful for us to show up at the Rules Committee meeting tomorrow?

Charlene Wang: Yeah, that's a good idea. Yes, I think, showing up tomorrow, to request... yeah, I would say that would be a good idea, yep.

James Breeden: What time is that?

Charlene Wang: It's at 10.30am

Jim Donatelli: And would you mind very briefly explaining to the group why that would be important, and what might happen there?

Charlene Wang: Yeah, definitely. So, there's two ways that we make sure that the item does not that the item does not die for this Flock item. One way is... for this item to base... and there's a procedural, if you read the nitty-gritty of City Council procedure, that even though the item did not have a majority, that if two... I believe it's two members of the Rules Committee, if they decide to, it can still advance to full council. The item, if two members of the Rules Committee makes that vote tomorrow.

James Breeden: And is that at City Hall at Frank O'Gawa?

Charlene Wang: Yeah, that's right.

James Breeden: That's it. Thank you. Yep.

James Breeden: Hope to see you all there tomorrow. If anybody needs a ride, I'll probably be going, because I think I'm free. I need to check with my wife, but...

James Breeden: You're muted, Jim.

Jim Donatell: Great. Thanks, Charlene. And, James, what's helpful for folks on the call that might show up tomorrow that haven't?

Charlene Wang: You'll probably be allocated, if you care to speak, and support the Flock Initiative, one minute to talk, and geez, that one minute goes fast, so write out your comments, and be ready to pop, and... have fun.

James Breeden: Yeah, just following up with that, I've seen a lot of people speak, at events, and they finish introducing themselves, and the time goes beep! And they're like... so, yeah, make sure you say what you want to say, not all the normal platitudes of high and who I am.

Any other questions for Charlene?

Judy Cain: Yeah, I actually do. This is Judy Cain. Hello, everybody. Charlene, you mentioned the members of the Rules Committee. Who... who are they?

Charlene Wang: It's, Council President, Jenkins. Councilmember Ramachandran, Councilmember Brown, and Councilmember Fife.

Judy Cain: What arguments can we advance that would be most helpful in swaying their votes?

Charlene Wang: I would just, remind... them, I think that, you know, there are voices that were not in the room on Tuesday, many voices not in the room on Tuesday, that, you might even... I know that some people felt too intimidated to come on Tuesday, and that, that this also deserves deliberation by a full city council. So... Yeah, this item is of utmost importance.

Judy Cain: So, just to let everybody know, I want to go, and I will carpool or Uber with a group of you, I think it would be good if we could fill a couple of Ubers and just show up and be present in the room. So, anybody that wants to Uber with me, just email me and we'll figure it out.

James Breeden: Yeah, email the office if you'd like a ride, and we'll see if we can coordinate that. I will be... I am pretty sure I can go as well, so I will be driving.

James Breeden: We have a couple questions in chat for you, Charlene.

Charlene Wang: Oh, sure.

James Breeden: One I think you already answered, would petitions be helpful? I think the answer was yes, but not as good as people in the room.

James Breeden: Is that... is that correct?

Charlene Wang: Yeah, I don't think, I mean, honestly, I don't think the... those city... the other... my fellow council members, we don't really pay attention to the strongly worded petitions.

James Breeden: And then one of the questions is about the B-Bus. One of the problems we had with Underhills was that they, they made it so you couldn't park on the street, but we don't actually have public transit, so you sort of need a car to live here.

And, we used to have a bus that went right through the neighborhood every morning and took people into San Francisco, for jobs and such. Is there any chance of, getting that back? Might be a question for Josh Rowan, I'm not sure.

Charlene Wang: So that is actually a question, I believe, for AC Transit. Our representative is Director Joel Young, I believe. I'd have to confirm that. But I would encourage you to reach out to him directly, and I'm actually going to be sitting as the... one of the liaisons to AC Transit on a city AC Transit, like, interagency committee, so I can bring that up, but I... I don't have a satisfying answer other than that right now.

James Breeden: And I think that was the main questions in chat. Are there any that I missed, Lisa? Feel free to shout out.

Lisa R: Just one about, the paving schedule. We know, Longridge Road is on... was on for the one, I guess, the schedule that started in 2022, but it really ends in 2027, I think, and Longridge got pushed out, I think, because the whole schedule was delayed by about a year and a half, but maybe you have an update?

James Breeden: This is on the paving schedule.

Charlene Wang: Hmm.

Charlene Wang: I... let me get back to you on that one. I know that is said in advance, and again, I am limited due to Charter 2 and 8 to really, you know, say, Director Road, I need to pave that road, but, I will say some of the workarounds is if there's especially alarming potholes, don't just report it to 311, also then follow up with an email to District2@oaklandca.gov And include your service request number, and we can follow up with, the 311 team to at least address the pothole, if not a... it's not going to be a full resurfacing.

James Breeden: Okay, any other questions for Charlene, or can we let her go to bed?

Marshall Miller: I just wanted to thank Charlene for the regular emails. I'm sure it takes a lot of work to put those together, and I've learned a lot from them, and I read the whole thing, and they've helped me get more in touch with what's going on around the community, and what you're working on, and led me to this call, so... thanks for doing those.

Charlene Wang: Oh, of course. Thank you so much.

James Breeden: Yep, and I would like all of us in the audience to be asking what we can do for the City of Oakland, and sometimes that means what we can do to help somebody like Charlene that's actually fighting to make the city better.

And so, some of the questions, like Jennifer asked what we could be doing to help with Flock cameras, and what we can be doing to... I think that's a question we should always be asking ourselves, is not what she needs to be doing for us, but what we need to be doing to help out as well. Trash pickups - we do a regular one down on Lakeshore. There're all kinds of ways you can help the city if you want. So, I hope you all pay attention to that. Thank you so much, Charlene, for coming tonight.

James Breeden: Appreciate you fighting for us, and you've had a lot to say.

Charlene Wang: Thank you so much! Thanks for having me here. I will quickly sign off, but I'll dump in the chat for Pam the [link](#) to sign up for the newsletters.

James Breeden: Awesome. Thank you so much.