

“We is not the plural of I”

Emmanuel Levinas

Belonging in Oakland: a cultural development plan



A Cultural Vision for Oakland

- ▶ **Equity is the Driving Force**

Analyze and address the causes of disparities and advocate for robust funding of disinvested communities

- ▶ **Culture is the Frame**

Embrace cultures as systems of knowledge, values, and ways of being—and artmaking as one powerful aspect of culture

- ▶ **Belonging is the Goal**

Promote belonging through social connectedness and engagement in the civic commons



“Rock on Oakland” - Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Donna Billick, artist

Strategists-in-Government (CSIG)

Program flows from the principles of the City of Oakland's Cultural Development Plan "Belonging in Oakland" that lifts up the role of cultural equity in building a fair and just city. The Program seeks to pair City policymakers with cultural strategists from communities most impacted by structural inequities

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