

Alameda County Consumer Affairs Commission to Host Oct. 24 Town Hall on Affordability

Join public discussion with community leaders, service providers on affordability of housing, food, health care and more

OAKLAND, Calif., Oct. 1, 2026 – The [Alameda County Consumer Affairs Commission](#) has announced the return of its town hall event series starting with “Affordability in Today’s Economy,” a public discussion at the San Leandro Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 24. The event will feature community organizations addressing affordability issues and presentations on topics from eviction protection and homeownership barriers to community health services and transit access.

"As the cost of everyday goods and services goes up, we want to find out how inflation is affecting our community and how we can empower East Bay consumers," said Matthew Hirsch, Consumer Affairs Commission chair. "Tell us about your experiences and get to know some of the services helping people in Alameda County improve their financial well-being."

All are welcome to attend the Town Hall on Affordability, a three-hour program from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Karp Room at the San Leandro Public Library, 300 Estudillo Ave. Attendees can visit community resource tables at any time during the event. Guest speakers will give short educational presentations from 2 to 2:30 p.m. and again from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Participants include the Alameda County Health, Public Health Department; First 5 Alameda County; East Bay Housing Organization; and the California Dept. of Justice’s Affordability Response Team. Visit the [Town Hall event page](#) to register and for an up-to-date list of speakers and community resource table participants.

The Consumer Affairs Commission has led many town hall events during its 51-year history. Following the Town Hall on Affordability, the commission plans to host a rotating series of town hall events in North County, South County, and East County.

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The Alameda County Consumer Affairs Commission promotes and protects the best interests of the consumer public and encourages high standards in the business community. Eleven members appointed by the county Board of Supervisors currently represent the Commission. Regular Commission meetings take place on the second Thursday of the month, 4-5 p.m., in the County Administration Building at 1221 Oak St. in Oakland. Visit the Clerk of the Board's Office on the 5th Floor and you will be directed to the meeting room. More information at www.acgov.org/bc/cac/.

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