

## **Join the Kensington Property Owners Association (KPOA)** ***Providing Analysis and Community Engagement on Kensington Issues***

The KPOA has been a trusted, independent voice in the community since 1972. We provide critical analysis and insight on a range of civic issues that directly affect all Kensington citizens. We invite you to support KPOA's efforts to improve public policy discussions and decision making in Kensington by joining KPOA or renewing your membership.

With the support of our members, here is how KPOA contributed to the community over the last year:

- We encouraged KPPCSD and KFPD to work in coordination while the KPPCSD considers all realistic locations for the police department in Kensington, evaluates the tradeoffs of each location, including the cost and operational benefits to be realized at each of these locations. We support a rational qualitative and quantitative process to make an informed decision.
- We continue to advocate that KPPCSD and KFPD evaluate the costs and benefits of unification (consolidation) of the two districts into a single efficient district with one board and one general manager and staff. We concluded that one board, in the form used successfully by small and large communities nationwide is the best option for efficient, optimized planning, administration and governance.
- Participated with John Gioia's tree obstruction view ordinance working group to develop new regulations that promote cooperation in addressing tree view blockage.
- Hosted the annual 2022 KPOA membership meeting with keynote speaker Richard Berkson on "How Public Services Can Be Provided More Effectively" and featured Lou Ann Texeira, Local Agency Formation Commission to inform the community on the district consolidation process. Additional presenters on Kensington matters included Supervisor Gioia and our Police Chief Gancasz and Fire Battalion Chief Beckman.
- Sent letters and spoke at meetings of the BART Board regarding El Cerrito Plaza station access and the need to maintain parking at the station.
- Met with the Police Chief on plans for evacuation and parking restrictions along roadways on red flag days and on minimal acceptable office space requirements for the department.
- Participation in the Kensington public paths working group.
- Improved the KPOA website with its information on issues as well as an updated directory of local organizations, our elected officials and the principal agencies that serve Kensington for easy reference by residents.

KPOA's board brings together volunteer and professional resources. Current KPOA Board of Directors: Rick Artis, Candy Capogrossi, Gail Feldman, Rob Firmin.

**Our membership form and survey of member priorities are on the back of this page.**

## Membership Form and Priorities Survey

Kensington has benefited from the solid analysis and informed debate that KPOA has provided our community for fifty years. The annual dues and generous contributions of KPOA members support this important work and the independent voice of the KPOA. To ensure that this work continues, please renew your commitment to Kensington's future with a \$10 per household membership in KPOA. If you are a new homeowner, "Welcome!" We hope you will join us in working to help Kensington make fiscally prudent and sustainable policies.

YES! I am a Kensington property owner and want to join, or renew our household's KPOA membership. We strongly encourage you to join or **renew on our website [www.kpoa.net](http://www.kpoa.net)** or fill out this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email\* \_\_\_\_\_

\* Including your email address will enable KPOA to inform you periodically of critical issues during the year. Your information will not be shared or used for commercial use.

2023 Membership dues.....\$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contribution\* ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Total..... \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your payment with a credit card through Pay Pal on our website [www.KPOA.net](http://www.KPOA.net) or mail a check to: KPOA, P.O. Box 7271, Berkeley, CA 94707 (envelope enclosed)

\*KPOA is a 501c4 organization registered with the State of California. As a membership organization, contributions under I.R.S. rules are not tax deductible. All KPOA efforts are supported through dues and contributions that are used for funding projects and enhancing our ability to provide timely assessments of local issues important to you. You may combine your dues and contributions into one sum.

### Tell Us Your Community Priorities

Our annual survey of community priorities helps to shape the work of KPOA. Please take a moment to tell us what you believe are the **THREE** most important local issues facing Kensington over the next twelve months:

- Unification of our two districts into one efficient government
- Hiring and retaining district general managers and staff
- Siting the police department in Kensington
- Fire safety measures, e.g., evacuation plans and drills
- Technical assistance for home hardening against wildfires
- Police visibility and response from El Cerrito office location
- Status and future health of KPPCSD finances
- Need for special tax for park maintenance
- Road improvements and maintenance
- Public acquisition/renovation of Kensington Paths
- Finalizing new rules on Tree View Obstruction

#### Other Priorities

(Please write in box or on a separate sheet.)