



FAQs

Update: August 18, 2023

NOTE: Change of Venue: Preservation Park

General Questions	Answers
What is EBALDC's 48th Anniversary Gala Celebration?	This is EBALDC's annual fundraiser that brings together 400 people to recognize the contributions of our honorees and support EBALDC.
When and where is the gala taking place?	Thursday, September 7, 2023, 5:30pm Preservation Park 1233 Preservation Park Way (entrance on Martin Luther King Jr Way between 12th & 14th Streets) Oakland
What is the dress code for the event?	Business, business casual, festive, cocktail, garden party
Who can attend the gala?	EBALDC Sponsors and Donors and their guests EBALDC staff, EBALDC residents
Registration and Tickets	Answers
How can I purchase tickets for the gala?	www.ebaldc48.org
Are there any age restrictions for attendees?	No, but any minors attending should be accompanied by an adult. Guests under the age of 21 will not be allowed to drink alcohol.
Can I transfer my ticket to someone else?	Yes. Simply inform EBALDC Development Associate German Jimenez at gjimenez@ebaldc.org
What portion of my ticket purchase is a tax-deductible charitable contribution?	\$155 of your \$300 ticket is deductible to the fullest extent of the law
If I can't attend, may I still donate in honor of the event?	Yes! There is an option in the online payment platform at www.ealdc48.org
Event Details	Answers

What to expect from the event?	EBALDC’s Gala kicks off the fall fundraising season, with an evening of networking, recognizing our honorees’ accomplishments, and raising much-needed funds for EBALDC to realize its vision of an East Bay where everyone has a place to call home and the resources to thrive
Will there be a seated dinner or buffet-style meal?	The event is a reception-style event with a buffet-style meal and beverages
Are there any special dietary options available?	We will select menu items so that all guests will have generous food options.
Will there be a cash bar or open bar?	Open Bar!
Fundraising and Donations	Answers
Will there be any fundraising activities during the event?	Yes. We will have a Fund-A-Need that will support EBALDC’s Operations as well as our Economic Opportunities department. Our low-income neighbors are still struggling to recover from the pandemic, especially with increased housing costs and inflation. EBALDC’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program returns nearly \$2MM back to our communities. Our 1:1 Financial Coaching program through SparkPoint Oakland helps clients realize their financial health goals, including opening a bank account and attaining good credit. In addition, the Bay Area Mural Program (BAMP) will “perform” an audience-engaged live drawing during the gala. The final art piece (measuring 4’x4’) will be auctioned off.
How can I donate to the organization?	EBALDC has numerous options for you to donate to us, including via stocks, your car, or simple cash! Learn more here .
Are there any sponsorship opportunities available?	Yes! You can view all the opportunities at www.ebaldc48.org
Can I donate items for the event’s auction or raffle?	We will not be holding an auction or raffle at this event. However, we are always looking for donations to support our residents and clients. Please contact Vicki Shu, Vice President of Resource Development & Communications at vshu@ebaldc.org
Logistics and Accessibility	Answers
What public transportation is available to get to the venue?	Preservation Park is conveniently located near the BART 12 th Street Station stop, as well as all downtown stops on AC Transit, including 14, 19, 20 & 40
Is parking available at the venue?	City Center West Garage 1250 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Is the venue wheelchair accessible?	Yes
Event Timeline and Schedule	Answers
What is the timeline for the gala evening?	5:30pm Doors Open 6:30pm Program Begins 7:30pm Program Ends 8:30pm Gala Ends

<p>Are there any notable speakers or performers scheduled?</p>	<p>We have an exciting lineup of artists and honorees:</p> <p>Healthy Neighborhoods Pillar Award Honorees Beth Rosales Board Member & Resident, EBALDC</p> <p>Russell Jeung Professor, Asian American Studies, San Francisco State University Co-Founder, Stop AAPI Hate</p> <p>Lynette Jung Lee Resident Leadership Award Alice Chang Nobel Towers</p> <p>Featuring:</p> <p>Bay Area Mural Program Andre Jones</p> <p>Destiny Muhammad Harpist</p> <p>Nairobi Barnes 2023 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate</p>
<p>When will the event conclude?</p>	<p>8:30pm</p>
<p>Will there be an after-party?</p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	<p>Answers</p>
<p>Can I bring a guest to the gala?</p>	<p>As long as your guest has a ticket, they can attend!</p>
<p>How can I contact the event organizers for further assistance?</p>	<p>You can contact German Jimenez at gjimenez@ebaldc.org</p>