

# LOST & FOUND

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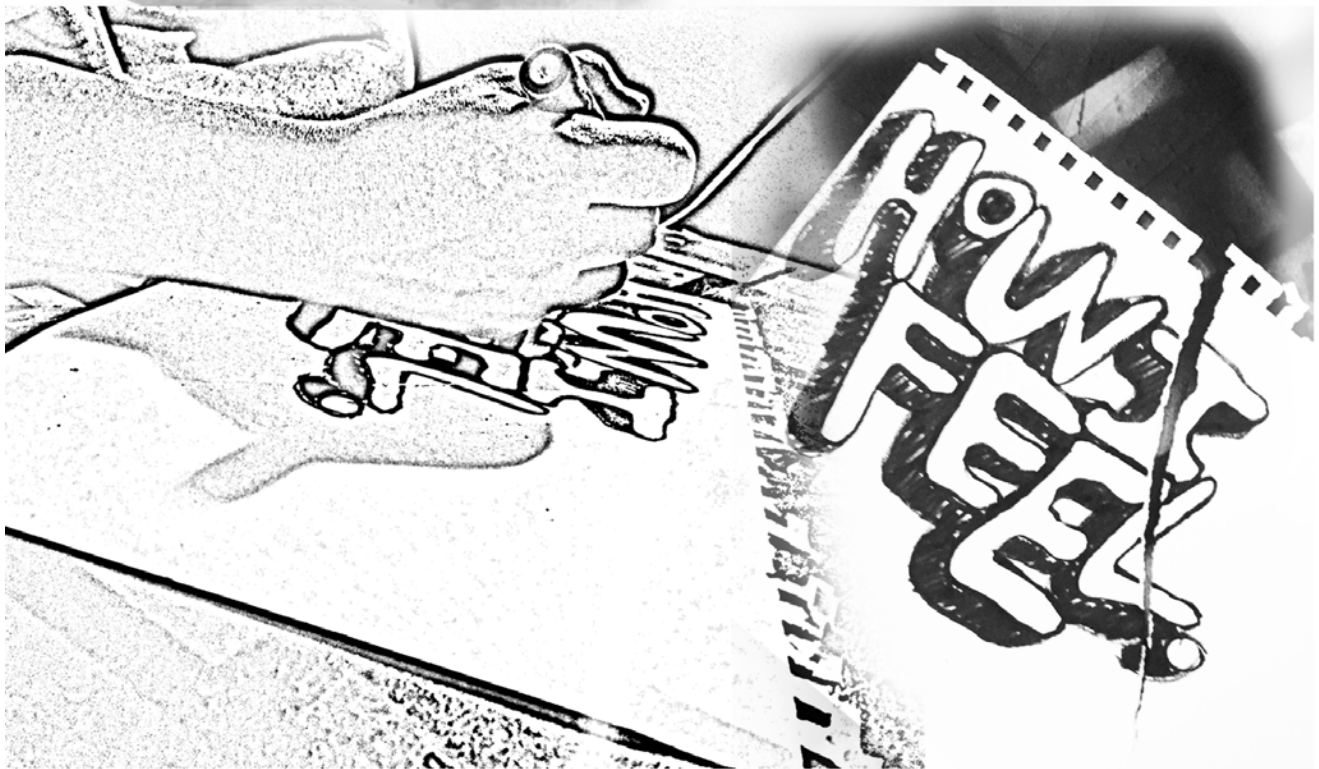
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*i want you to know...*



**OMCA CONNECT BLOGGERS ATTENDED SEVERAL EVENTS  
THROUGHOUT OAKLAND TO ASK COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
FOR THEIR HONEST OPINIONS ABOUT CHANGE  
IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS AND WHAT MAKES  
OAKLAND GREAT.**

**THEIR WORDS, ALONG WITH ORIGINAL  
PHOTOGRAPHY, ARTWORK, AND ILLUSTRATIONS ARE  
COMPILED TO CREATE "LOST + FOUND"**

**ZINE**

**2016**



Collaborators Include:

Rock Paper Scissors Collective lead artist Kristi Holohan,  
Kristian Contreras, Daniel Zapien, Charles Valoroso,  
Dan Fontes, Rafael Tapia, & Maria Fatima Urbi

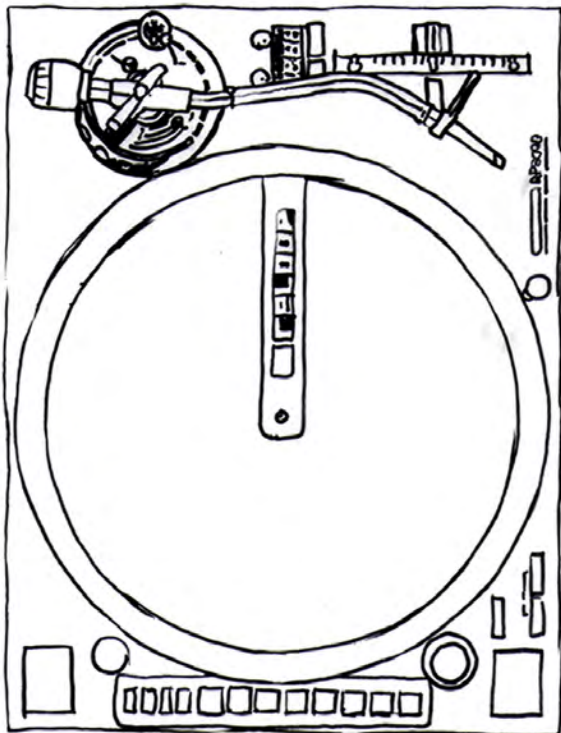
OAKLAND







There (are) a lot of opportunities for artists in Oakland.  
Whether we are creating opportunities for ourselves or there are other people who have created platforms for us. You can actually come to Oakland as an artist and work and have fun and get your name out there. -Tru



There is always something going on.  
There is always the best food happening. There is the best art.  
There is always something new and exciting going on.  
-Paula



# DEAR OAKLAND



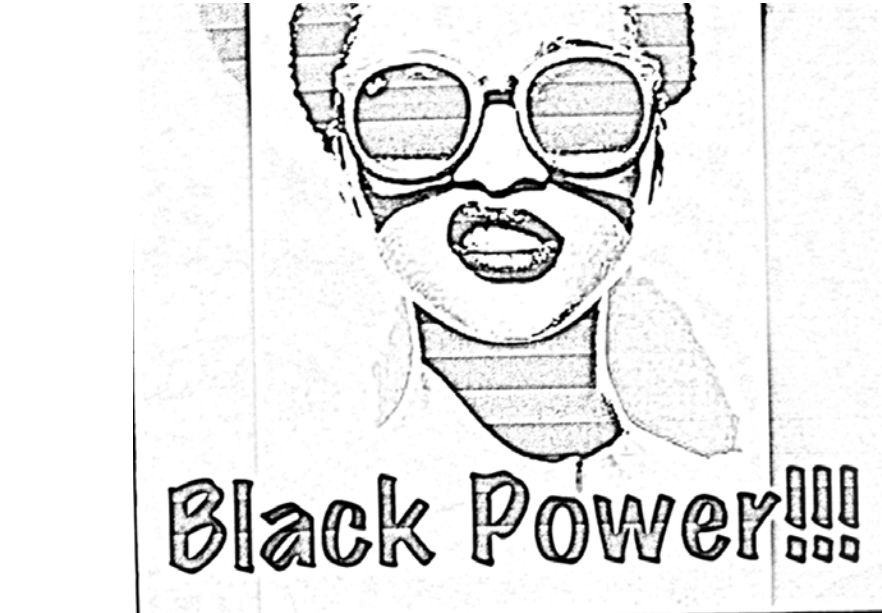
Dear Oakland,

**THANK YOU** for that fantastic event. We had such a blast!  
There were so many friendly faces and new people to meet.

It is always a beautiful experience to celebrate with you.  
I will never forget how we intimately danced to the sounds  
of the musical power in the essence of breathtaking art.  
It will forever be unforgettable.

So what if the new neighbor's got a little upset. They  
should have come and joined the festivities.  
Let's make sure to do it again, real soon.

Love Always



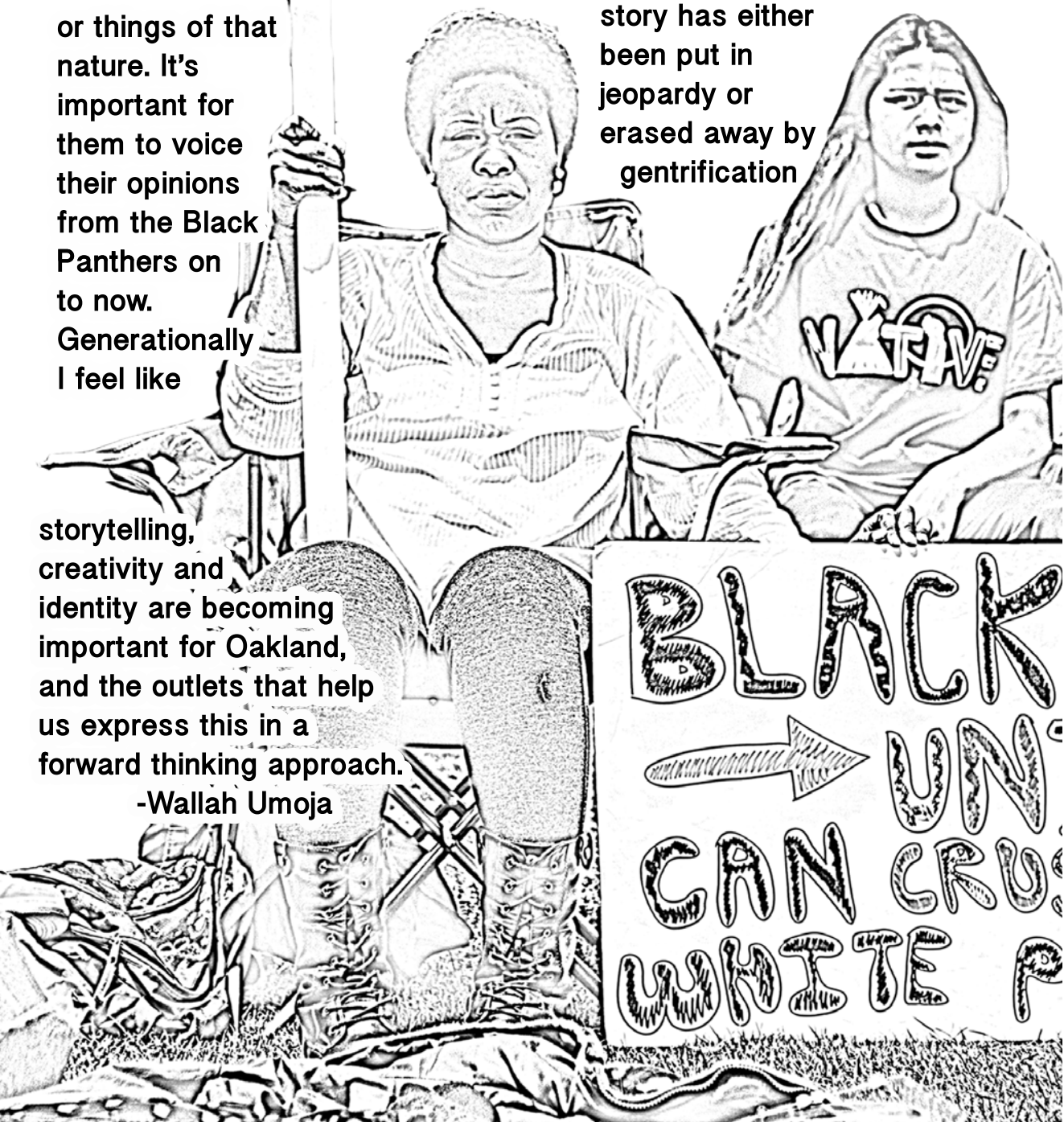
**Black Power!!!**

I see Oakland as a story. I see it's story developing through the multiple outlets that have been created (even social media) in the Bay Area and the overall creativity. Oakland is becoming more creative and open to ideas. With the youth that are coming up now or the elders, their story has either been put in jeopardy or erased away by gentrification

or things of that nature. It's important for them to voice their opinions from the Black Panthers on to now. Generationally I feel like

storytelling, creativity and identity are becoming important for Oakland, and the outlets that help us express this in a forward thinking approach.

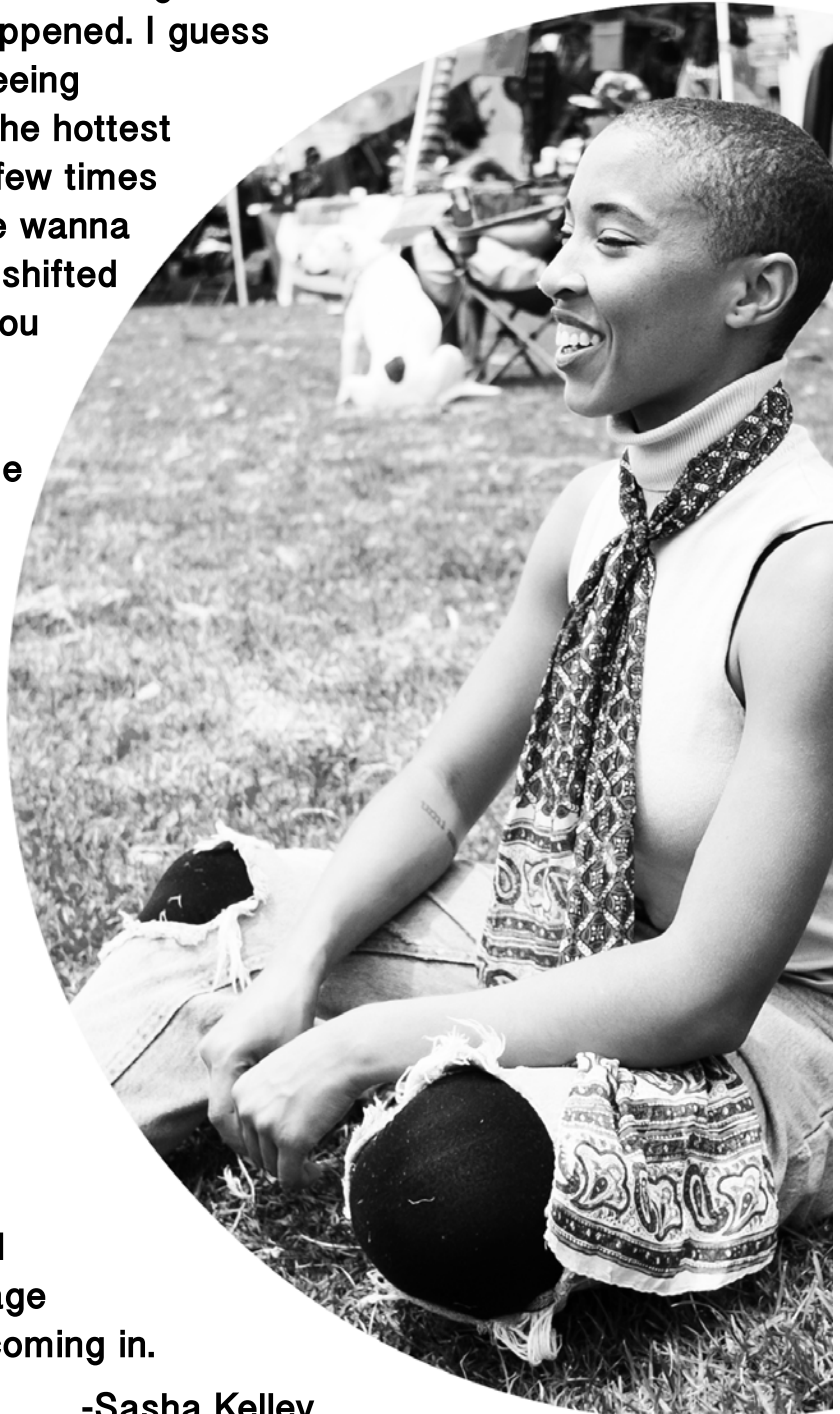
-Wallah Umoja



**BLACK**  
→ **UN**  
**CAN CRU**  
**WHITE P**

I lived off San Pablo for maybe 3 years, and even just going between San Pablo and Downtown in about a year and a half, the neighborhood in terms of who lived there was a dramatic shift. Seeing how it affected the business that were around and the businesses that started to pop up was definitely surprising because I didn't imagine that the shift in population would be so drastic and so quick, at least in my experience. I understand that it's been going on for years but I feel like right around 2012 there was this huge influx of shift in West Oakland that happened. I guess the other change is seeing how Oakland makes the hottest places to visit lists a few times now how many people wanna be here and how that shifted people's energy. For you to want to stay here, there's a certain fire to keep up with the people coming in who already have resources. I see in fellow artists and business makers. There's a polarity because there's a lot of scarcity consciousness happening because of "gentrification is here - what are we gonna do?" but there's also people who are like "I'm gonna make such and such" to take advantage of the money that is coming in.

-Sasha Kelley



I used to talk about the idea of a renaissance happening, it really being this cultural thing of a ton of ground level ingenuity amongst the young people coming together and creating their own identity, their own work and their own platforms. I've seen that grow over the past four years into something that's really true. When I first started talking about it ... it was really just something in my imagination but each year I see that coming more into fruition.

-Max Gibson



## JAMIE SAYS

As a father, how do you view the development of Oakland?  
Do you feel it's for the good?

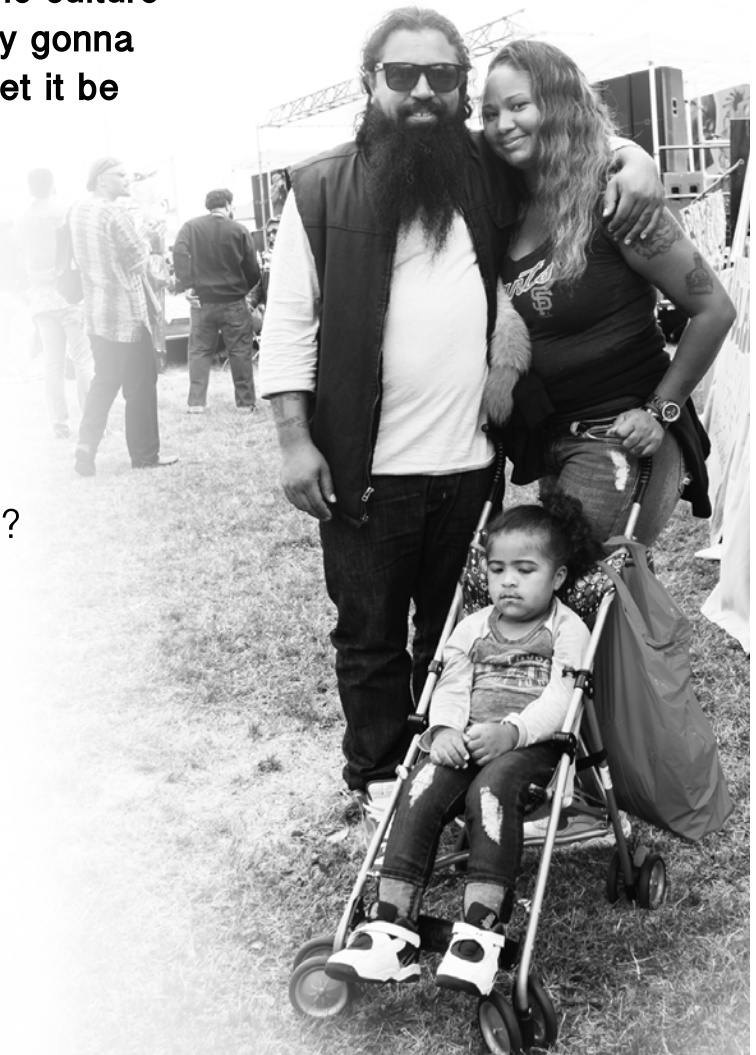
**J: I mean, it's developing for the good because in a lot of different ways a lot of opportunities are opening up but on the flip side it's pushing out the culture of the city. It's gone with all the new stuff coming in here, as a family man it's good - everyone's trying to clean it up, it's good for the family but I'd say it's not that good for the culture.**

With that being said how do you think we can keep the culture alive while still moving forward?

**J: The main part is to keep doing events that preserve the culture like we are here right now, if we keep doing stuff like this the culture will always be here. It's only gonna be forgotten if the people let it be forgotten. Just because crack came and messed up the community, doesn't mean that all the culture is forgotten - it's still here regardless.**

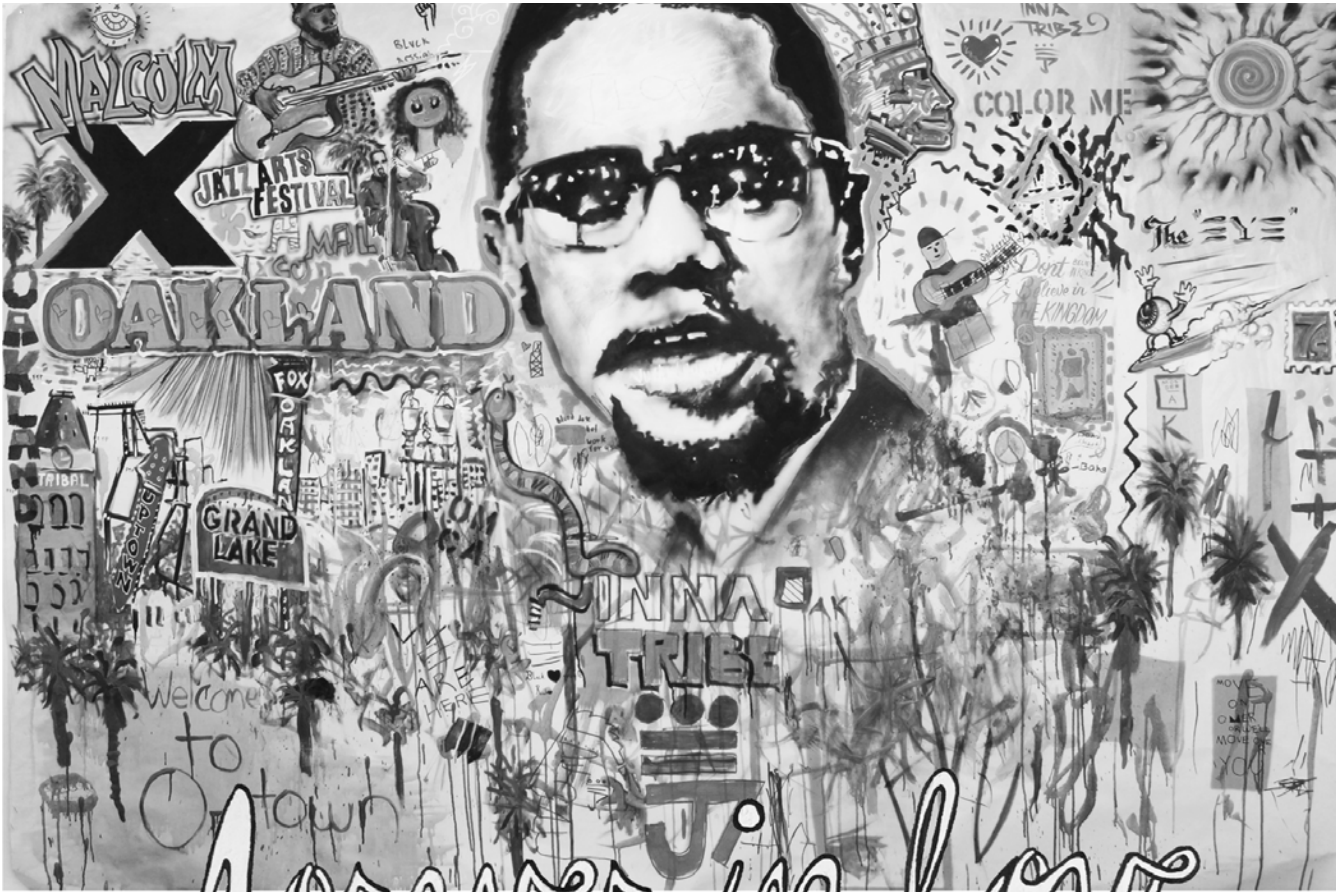
What's your favorite thing about being from Oakland?

**Man, just the black pride, all pride, black pride, brown pride, the culture is so diverse, that's why I love Oakland.**



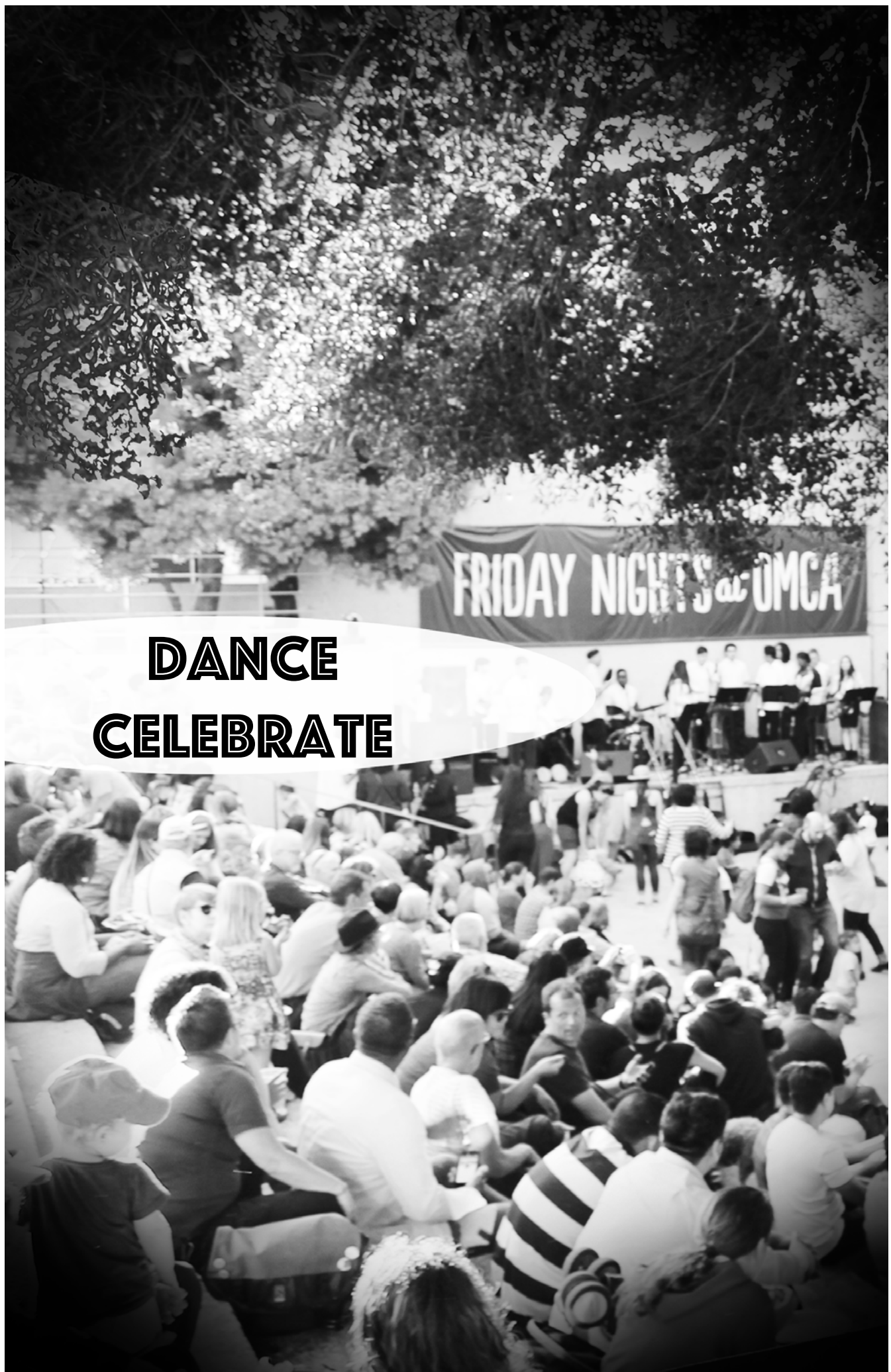
# MALCOLM X JAZZ ARTS FESTIVAL





*Forever in love*

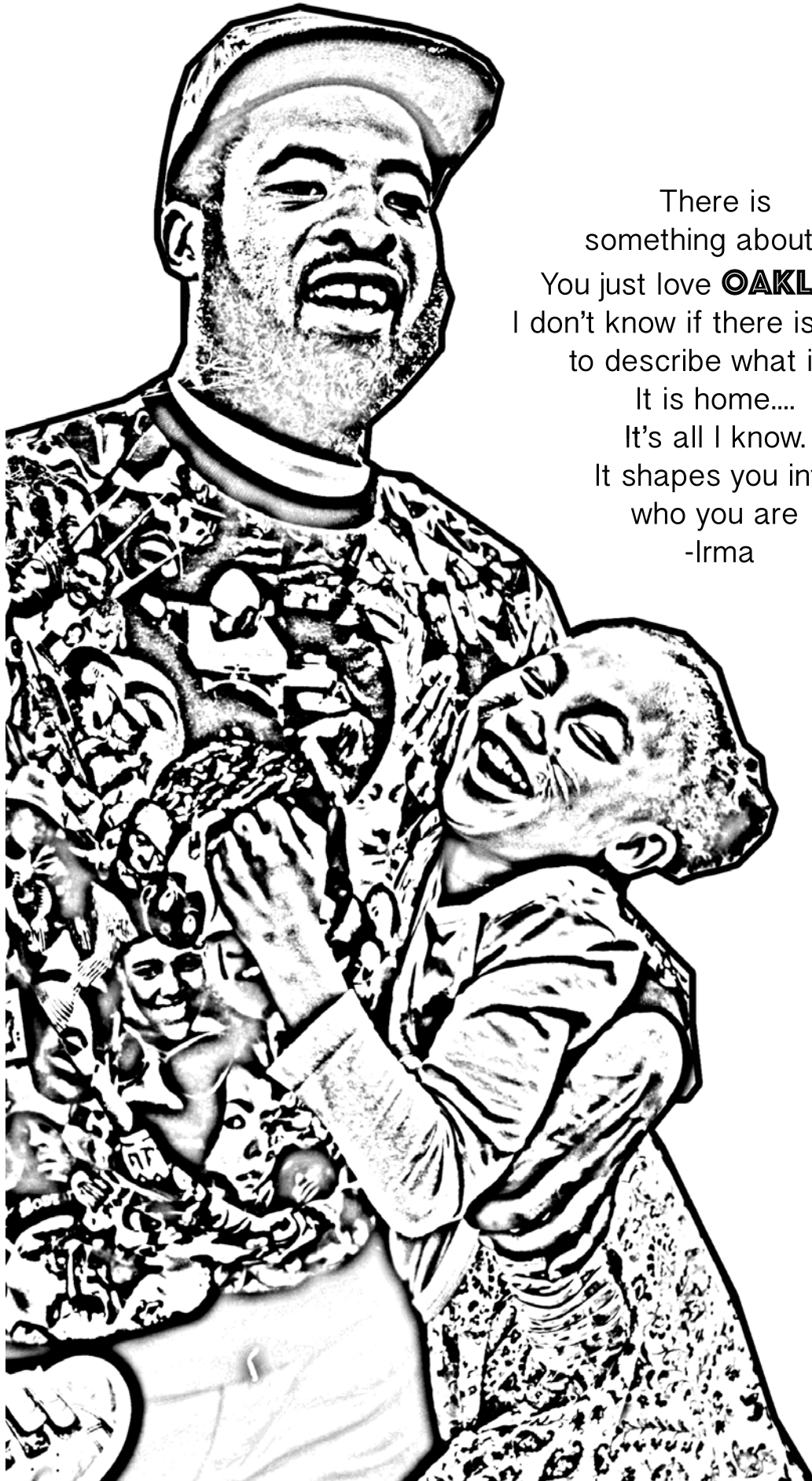




**DANCE  
CELEBRATE**





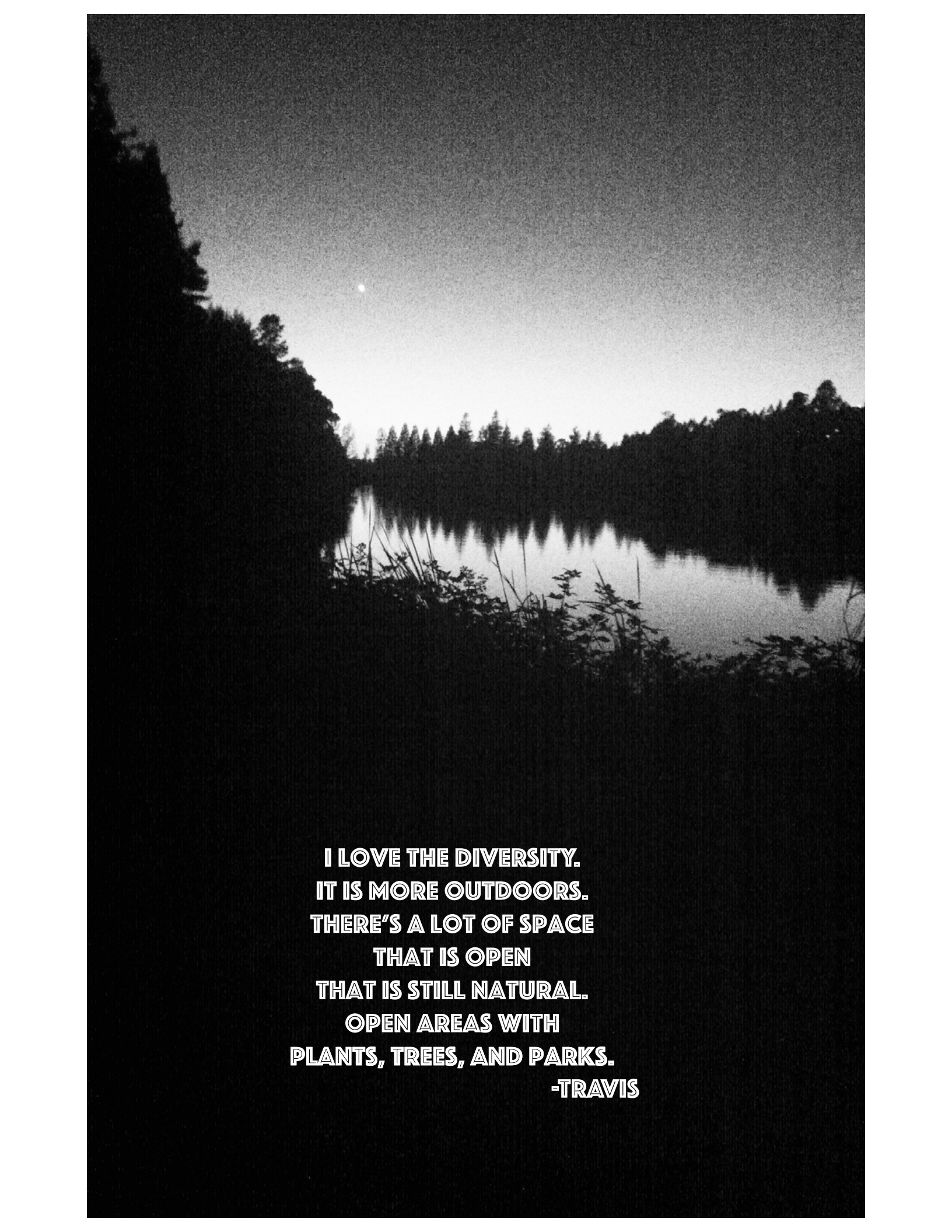


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something about it.  
You just love **OAKLAND**.  
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It is home...  
It's all I know.  
It shapes you into  
who you are  
-Irma

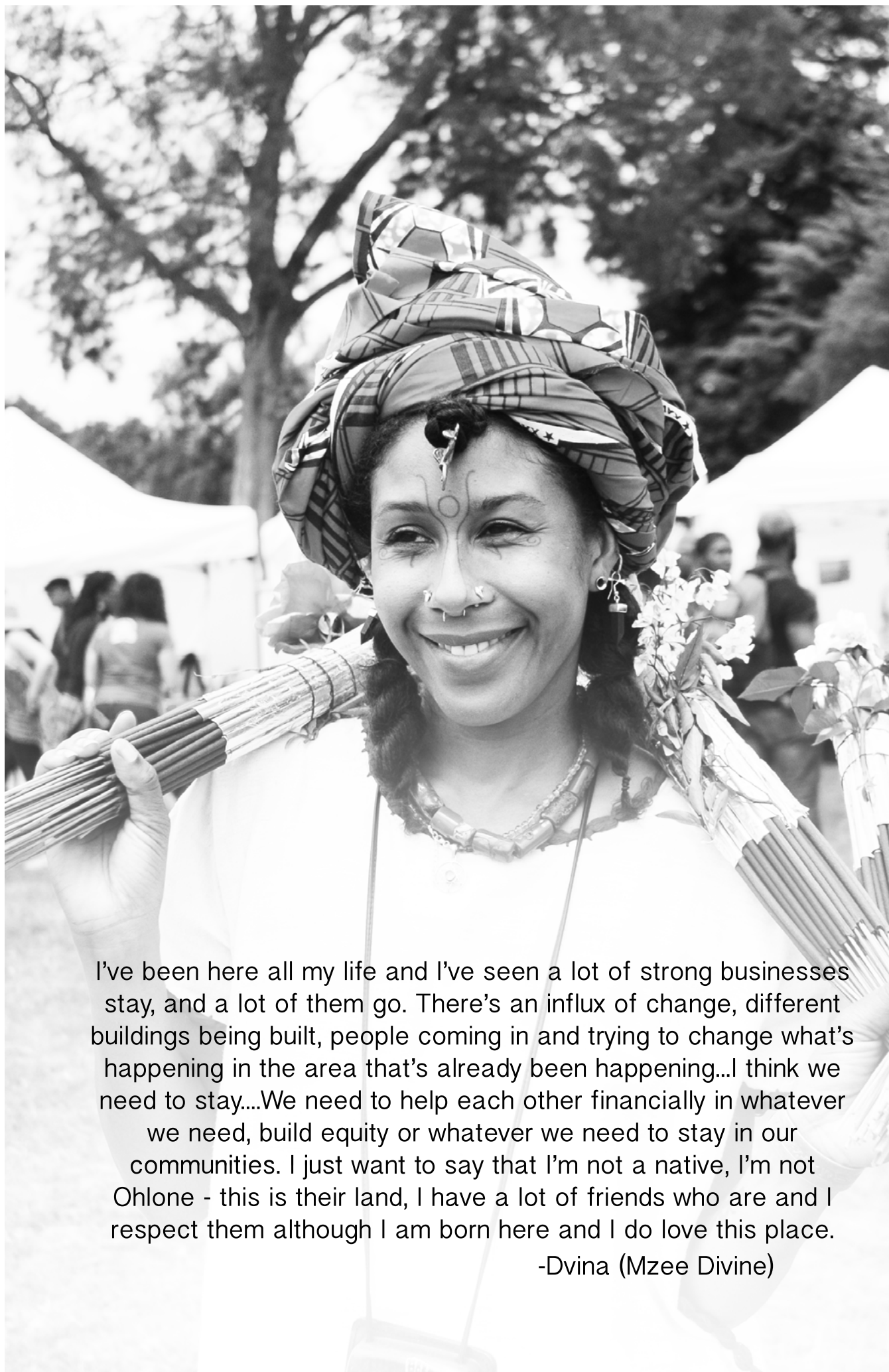
I've been in Oakland 30 years...I have a house now. I love it. There's no place like oakland. Oakland is a great place. I like the way it's grown up and developed. It's kinda lay back and kick back. Spacey, you don't feel boxed in. I wouldn't change anything. I would let Oakland take its natural growth and develop to where it's going to go. I wouldn't try to change or alter anything. If you don't change, you can't grow. So yea, I love the change in Oakland.

-Sherif Costello



A black and white photograph of a calm lake at dusk or dawn. The sky is dark with a small, bright light source, possibly the moon or a star. The lake's surface is still, reflecting the light from the sky and the silhouettes of the trees on the far shore. The foreground is dark, with some foliage visible on the left side.

**I LOVE THE DIVERSITY.  
IT IS MORE OUTDOORS.  
THERE'S A LOT OF SPACE  
THAT IS OPEN  
THAT IS STILL NATURAL.  
OPEN AREAS WITH  
PLANTS, TREES, AND PARKS.  
-TRAVIS**



I've been here all my life and I've seen a lot of strong businesses stay, and a lot of them go. There's an influx of change, different buildings being built, people coming in and trying to change what's happening in the area that's already been happening...I think we need to stay...We need to help each other financially in whatever we need, build equity or whatever we need to stay in our communities. I just want to say that I'm not a native, I'm not Ohlone - this is their land, I have a lot of friends who are and I respect them although I am born here and I do love this place.

-Dvina (Mzee Divine)

# FAMILY LOVE



Oakland is everything. Oakland is home. It is where I was born, it was where I was raised...There is something about it. You just love Oakland. I don't know if there is a word to describe what it is. It is home. Other than that. It's home. It's all I know. It shapes you into who you are, you know?

-Jayden



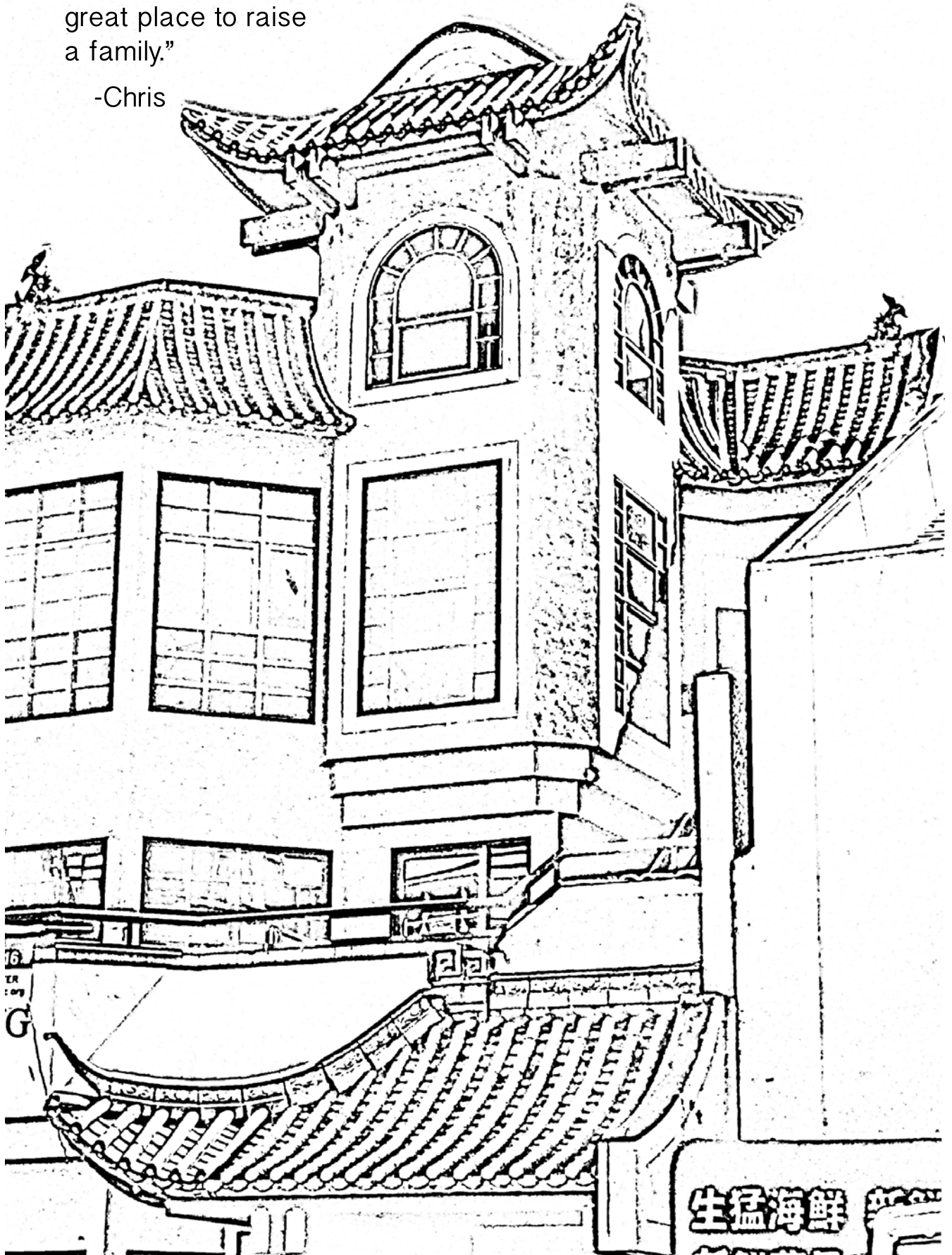
I love the community...I love the  
opportunities for kids who grow up here.  
My daughter loves it.

-Julie



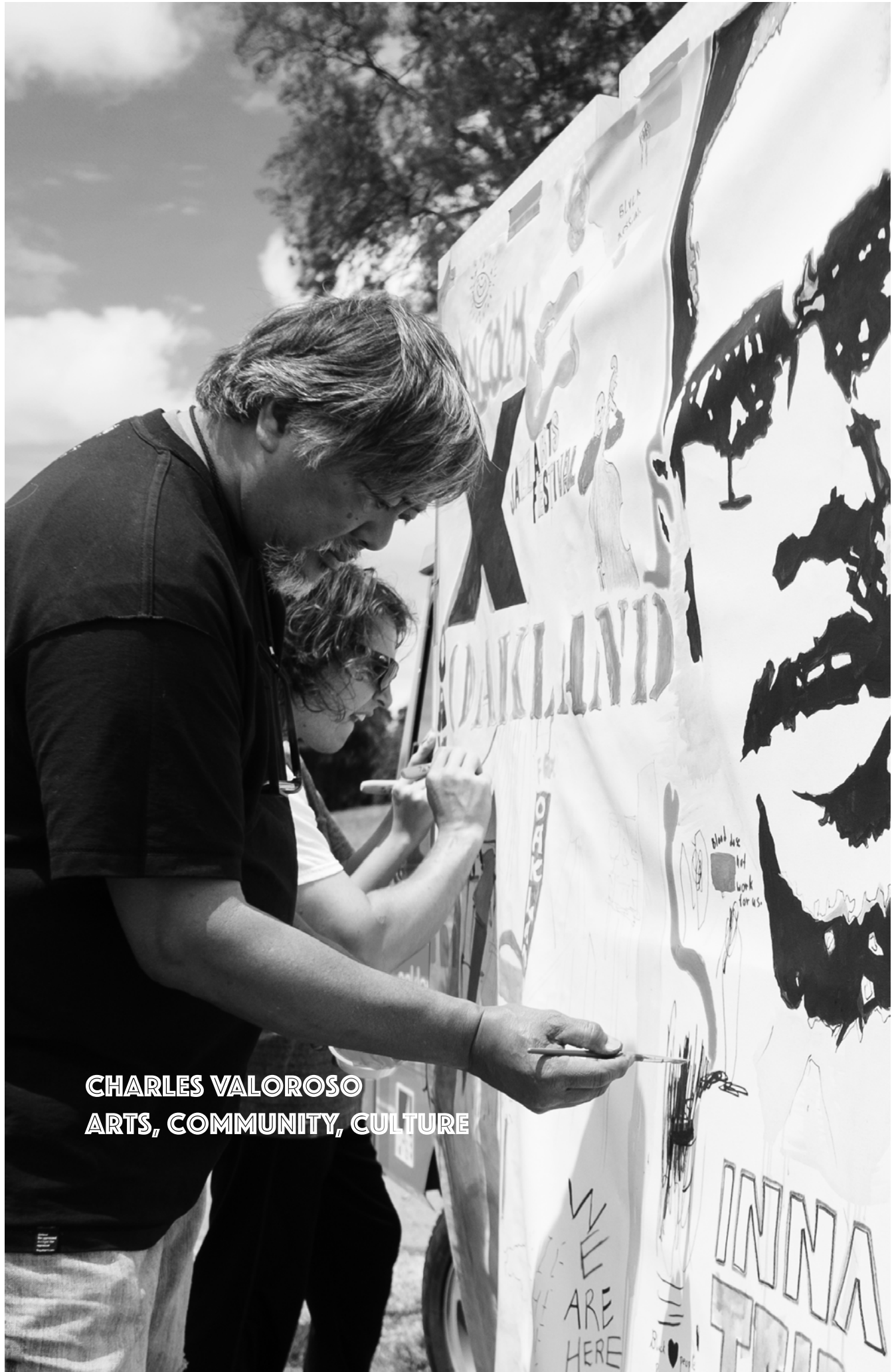
I just love Oakland. What's there not to love? This is a city with amazing people that make amazing things happen. This city has everything. It has the best food that I've ever tasted. It has the coolest places to go eat and hang out. It's a great place to raise a family."

-Chris









**CHARLES VALOROSO**  
**ARTS, COMMUNITY, CULTURE**



Dear Oakland,

You know I have always loved you. I tell you all the time.  
You are beautiful, talented, pretty much endlessly wonderful.  
I enjoy being with you. This will never change.

Your natural beauty is incomparable.  
Your views are so broad, your depth so vast.  
I could get lost in you for eternity.  
I love to feel your pulse of life and touch your heart.  
It is like we beat together.

Love Always

DEAR  
OAKLAND

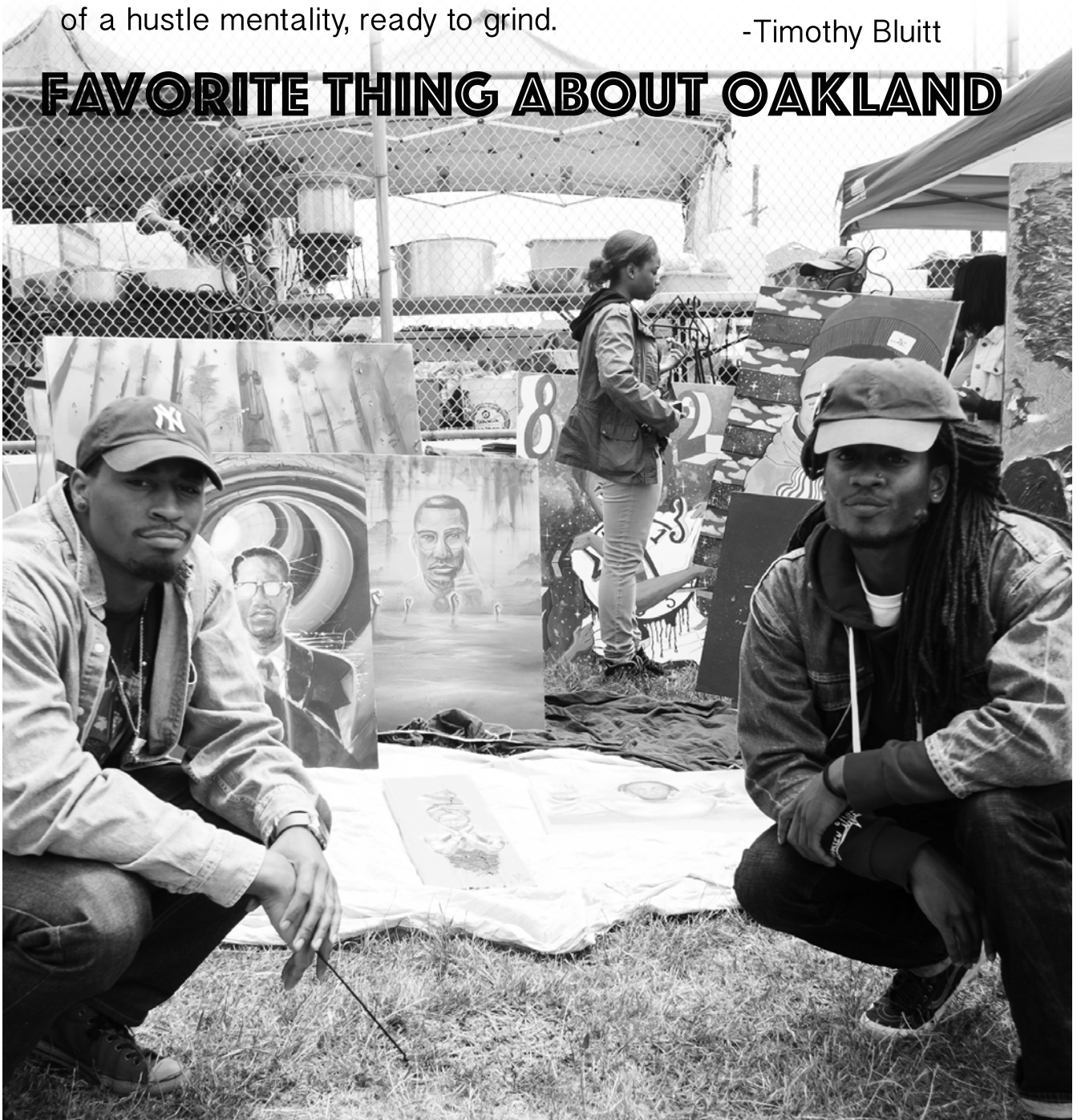
For me really just the people, everybody is a lot more openminded. Everybody is able to be who they really want to be here, especially coming from the Midwest, Oakland is so nonjudgmental which allows the art to go places I couldn't have imagined.

-Sizwe Andrews

The ability to present art, I went out to Houston not too long ago and it seemed as though the art culture wasn't as relevant as out here or it wasn't as open as it was out here. It seems that more companies, corporations and people are open to having murals on their houses and front gates and I feel as though if you're from Oakland you take that for granted. I went out to Houston and realized I was taking that for granted and came out here with more of a hustle mentality, ready to grind.

-Timothy Bluit

## **FAVORITE THING ABOUT OAKLAND**

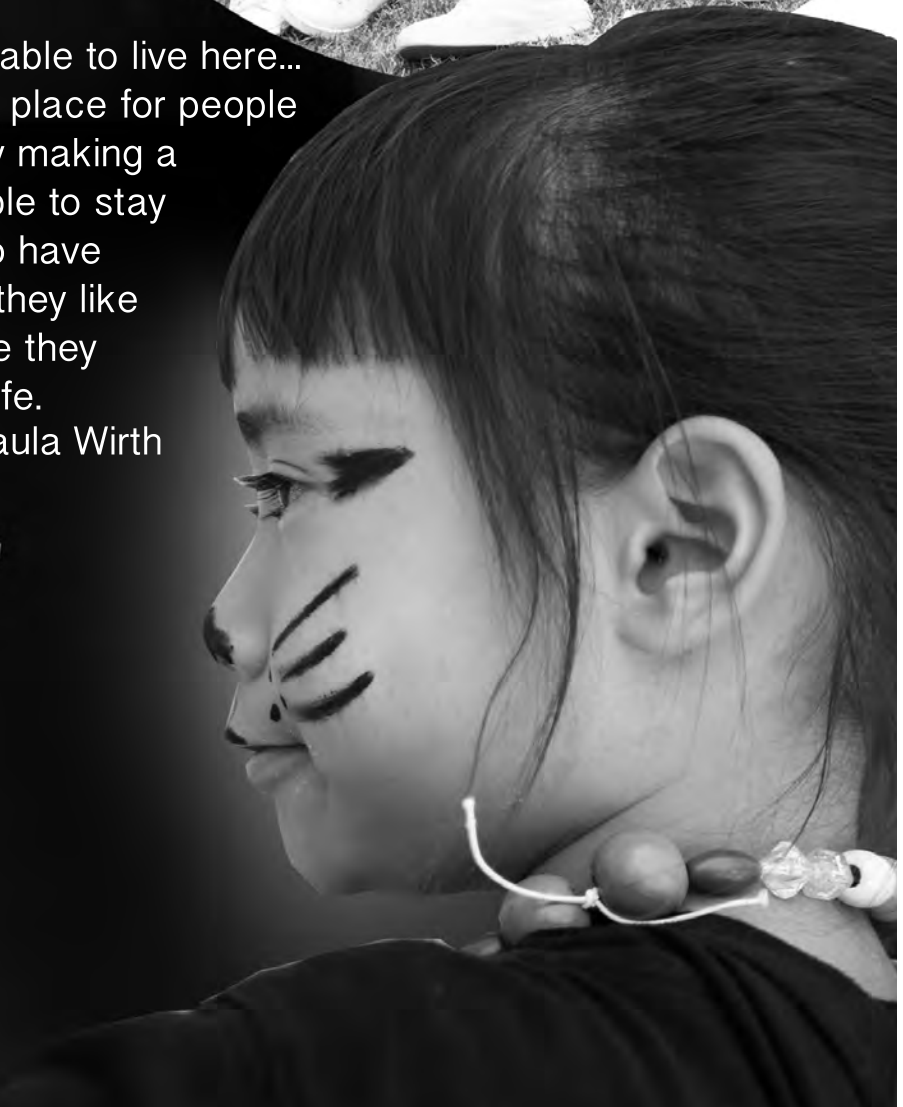
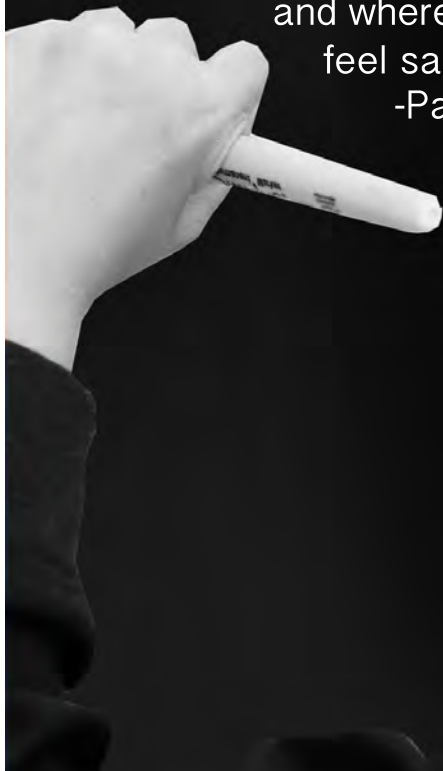


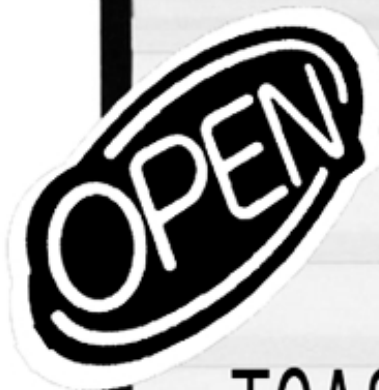
I really like the people here. I really enjoy a lot of the people I am meeting here. There are a lot of very interesting and driven people. And it makes me happy to see that.  
-Justin Tam



I'd like to see artists to still be able to live here... I want there to be a place for people who are necessarily making a tech salary to be able to stay here. And be able to have a place to live that they like and where they feel safe.

-Paula Wirth





# MENU

TOAST	\$5.00
COFFEE	\$5.00
SANDWICH	\$15.00
COCKTAIL	\$18.00

# LODGING

1 BDRM	\$2500.00
2 BDRM	\$3500.00



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**EVICTED  
NOTICE**



**ROOM  
FOR  
RENT**

**FOR SALE  
BY OWNER**





**HOW HAVE I SEEN IT CHANGE?  
I REALLY HAVEN'T, YOU KNOW.  
AS FAR AS THE VIOLENCE.  
IT IS STILL THE SAME AS  
WHEN I WAS COMING UP.**

**-ALFRED BATES**



Dear Oakland,

I love you so much. I want to make sure you know this. I will always love our memories.

I am worried. I am worried about our relationship. I am worried about our trust. You have changed. You have grown-some for the better, some for the worst.

Your beauty continues to flourish and while you put brand new clean clothes on, and build your new life you seemed to have neglected some of your inner beauty and some of what has built you.

In some ways I feel betrayed. In some ways I feel you have become shallow, distant. It's almost like the more popular you get, the less you care about what makes you, well, you.

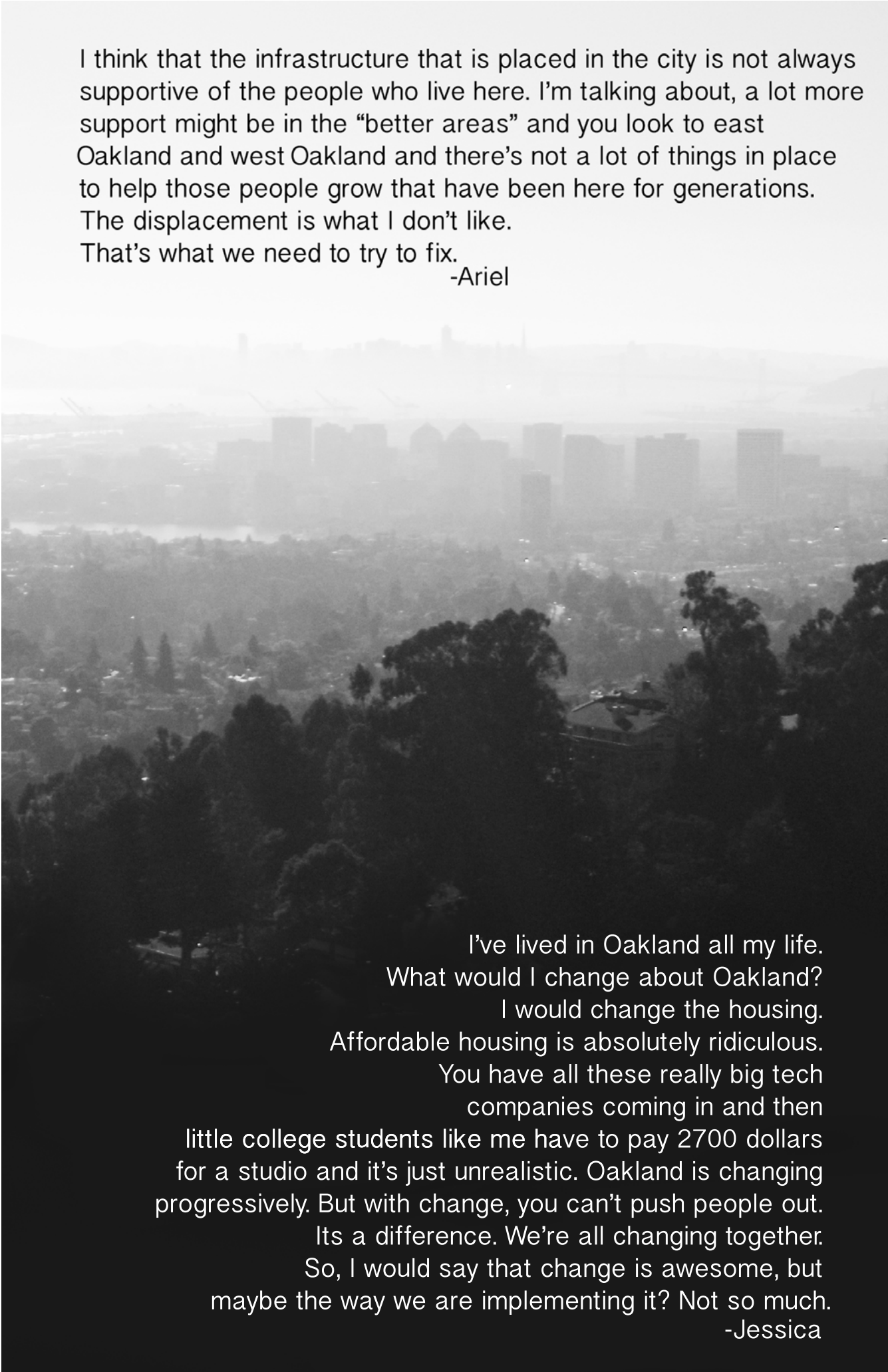
Please understand that I hold you in the highest regards and hope you will understand. I want to work things out.

Love Always

DEAR  
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I think that the infrastructure that is placed in the city is not always supportive of the people who live here. I'm talking about, a lot more support might be in the "better areas" and you look to east Oakland and west Oakland and there's not a lot of things in place to help those people grow that have been here for generations. The displacement is what I don't like. That's what we need to try to fix.

-Ariel



I've lived in Oakland all my life.  
What would I change about Oakland?  
I would change the housing.  
Affordable housing is absolutely ridiculous.  
You have all these really big tech  
companies coming in and then  
little college students like me have to pay 2700 dollars  
for a studio and it's just unrealistic. Oakland is changing  
progressively. But with change, you can't push people out.  
It's a difference. We're all changing together.  
So, I would say that change is awesome, but  
maybe the way we are implementing it? Not so much.

-Jessica

# OAKLAND

reply

prohibited [2]

Posted a day ago

negotiable/mo

living facilities with a view

(oakland)



Map

(map)

bucket toilet

available now

Animals OK-

rustic tent

laundry in Bay

street living

## AFFORDABLE LIVING OPPORTUNITY

Oakland, CA

negotiable/month no lease terms or security

### KEY FEATURES

Built: modern

Bedrooms: open floor plan

Bathrooms: nearest public restroom or shelter

Parking: street

Lease Duration: always uncertain

Deposit: your humanity and safety

Pets Policy: none

Laundry: wash in Bay, at nearest laundromat or shelter

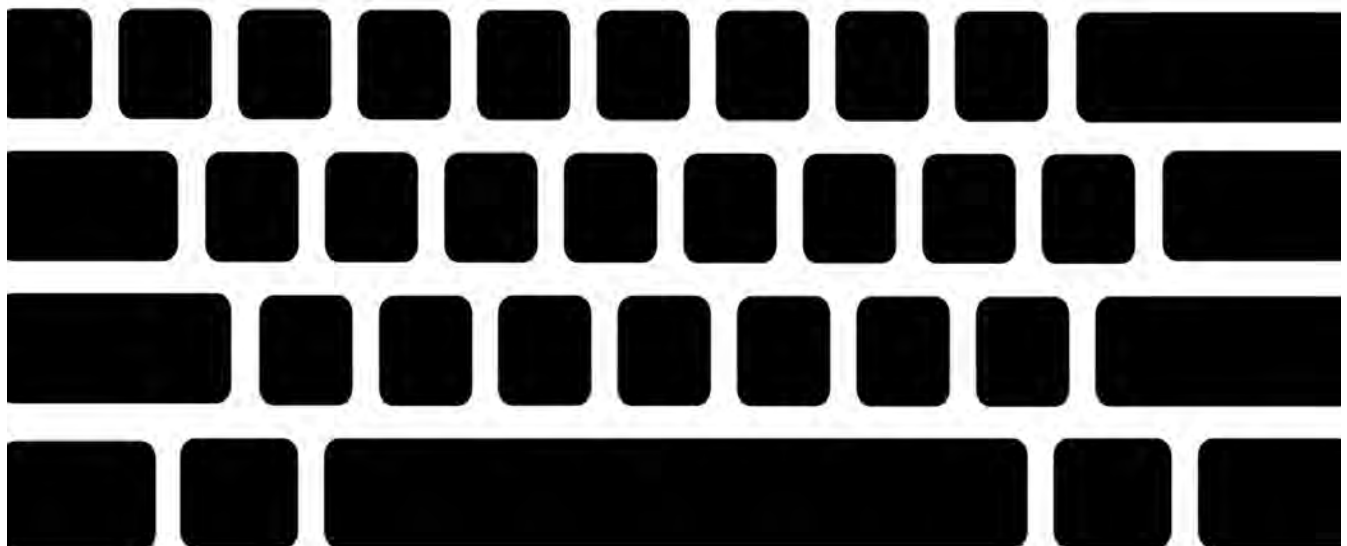
Property Type: portable structure

### DESCRIPTION

Enjoy affordable housing in the Bay Area! Fine view of Lake Merritt and people watching. These charming portable units are perfect for teachers, non-profit workers, Artists, Musicians, Service industry, EVERYONE. Close to BART-in BART OK, shopping, groceries, pantries, \$4.00 toast, expensive resaurants, plenty of dumpsters and perfectly good discarded materials, and so much more! Come check out your new home today! Security NOT included.

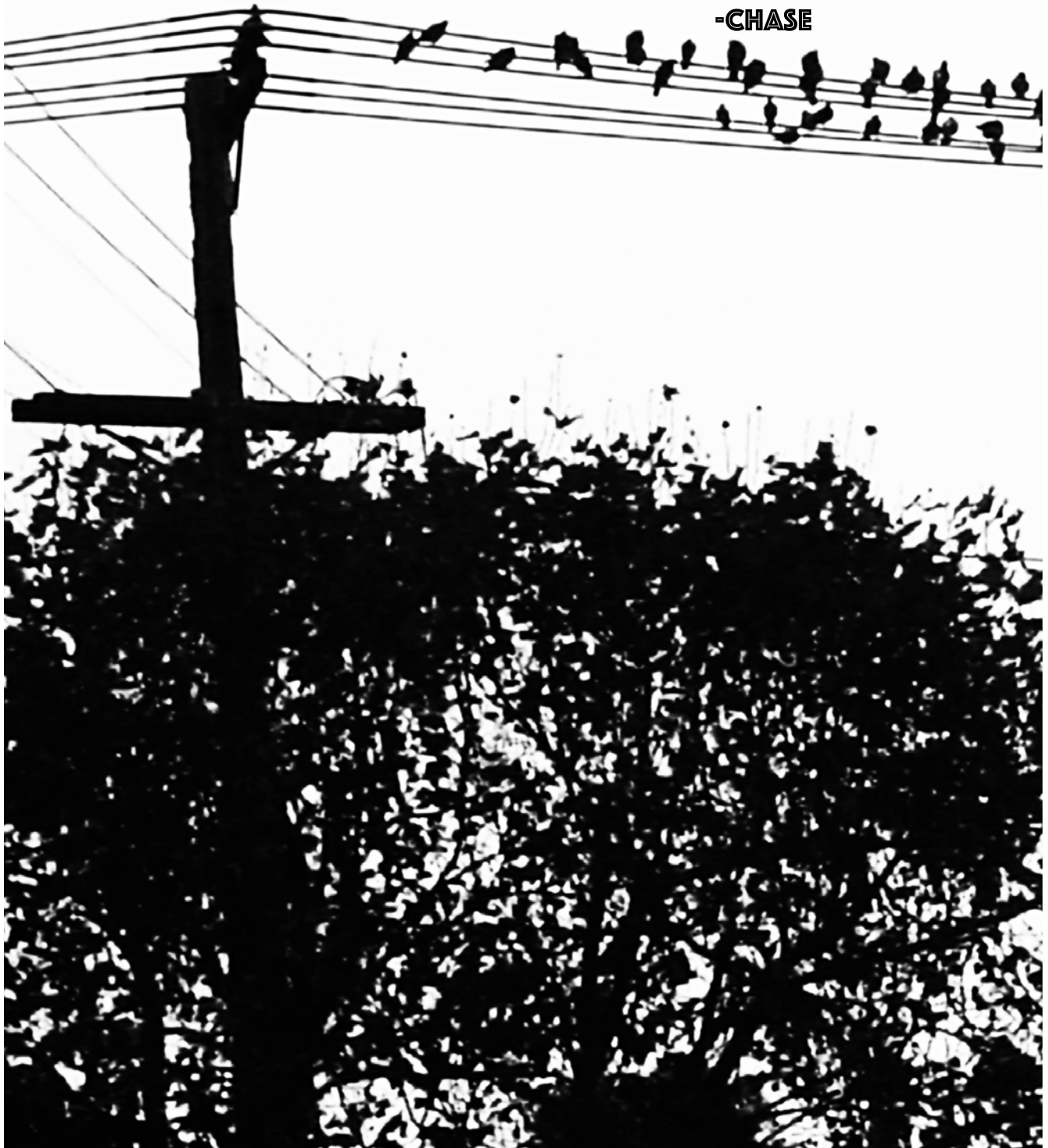
### FEATURES

- Valted Ceiling
- Flexible Accomodations
- Diverse Urban Lanscape
- Close to transportation



**(I WANT TO SEE....)  
LESS VIOLENCE.  
ESPECIALLY IN POORER COMMUNITIES.  
THERE NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING  
THAT CURBS GENTRIFICATION.  
I WANT THE COMMUNITY TO BE INCLUSIVE  
AND NOT HAVE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY  
WEALTHY BUILDING WALLS, BUT TO ACTUALLY HELP  
THE COMMUNITY. I MEAN, I ALREADY SEE IT CHANGING.  
I LIKE THE WAY IT IS CHANGING SO FAR. I JUST THINK  
THAT THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT CAN IMPROVE.**

**-CHASE**





**THERE HAS GOT TO BE A BALANCE  
BETWEEN GENTRIFICATION  
AND PRESERVING WHAT HAS BEEN HERE  
FOR SUCH A LONG  
TIME AND A THE  
HISTORY OF OAKLAND.**

**-TRACY JONES**

