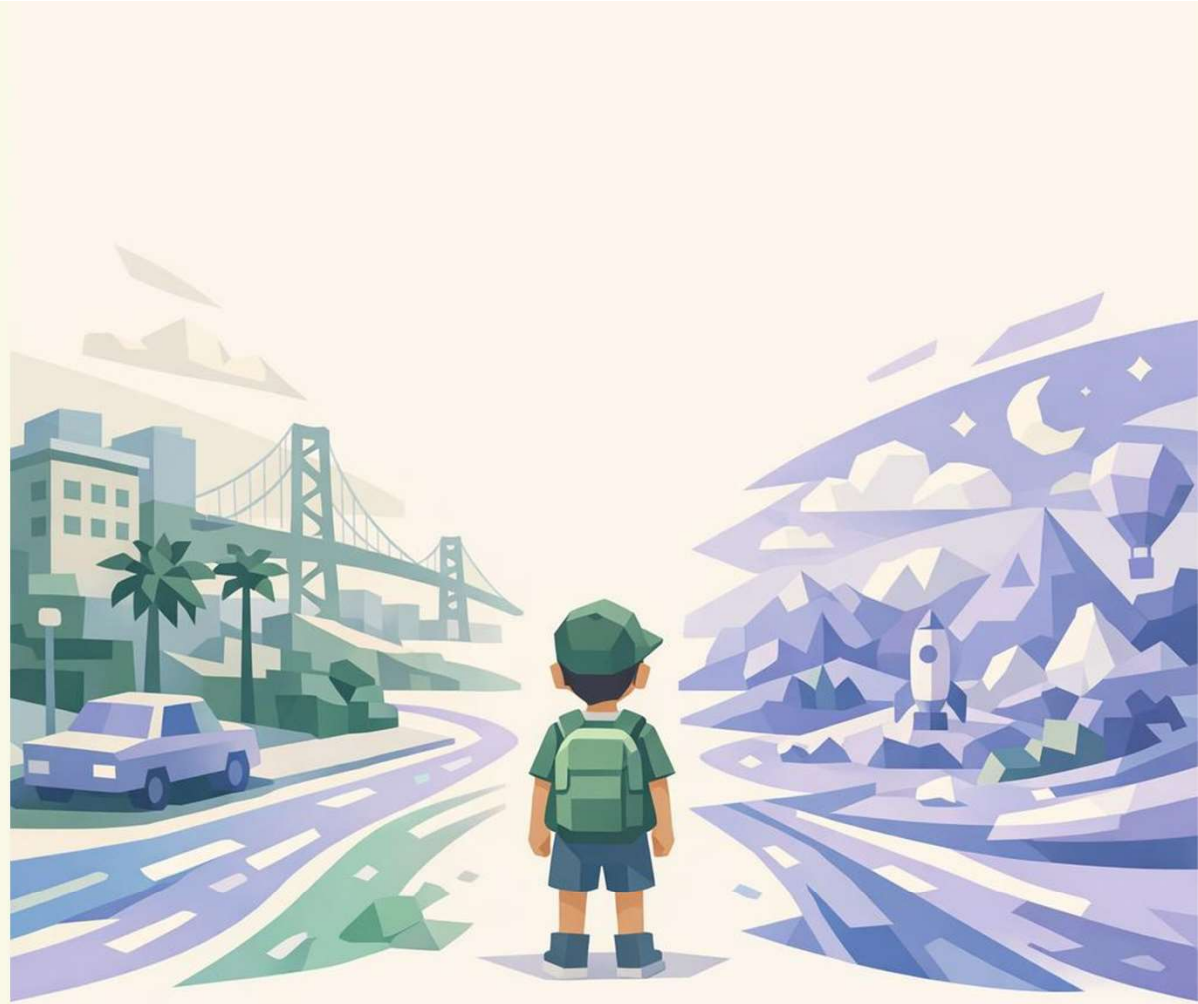
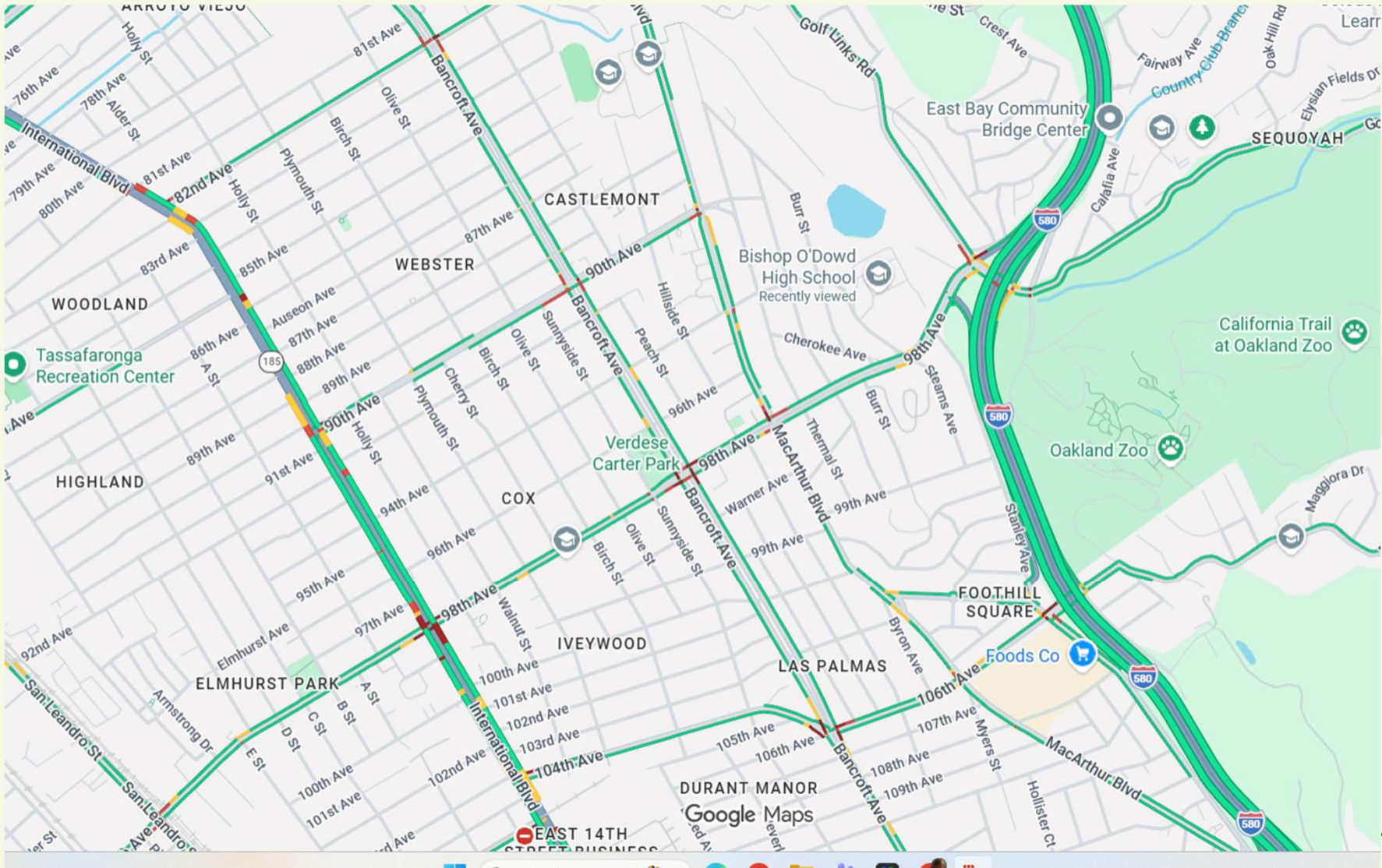


# Many Lives of an Oakland Boy

An imaginative, rapid journey of  
creativity and transformation





# MY HOOD

## My House



## Bishop O'dowd HS



## My First Life

### Toler Heights School

### Elmhurst Jr. High School



## My Second Life





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## Castlemont High School



# Castlemont High School Orchestra 1965



# My Third Life

## Uncle Johnny's Gas Station



# Cal State Hayward



## Merritt College (Old University High School)



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# My Fourth Life





# Recruit Drum and Bugle Corps

Naval Training Center  
San Diego

*P102—Aerial View U. S. Naval Hospital  
Portsmouth, Va.*



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Naval  
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# Chabot College and My Fifth Life



# E-Ticket Band

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# Newark City Planning Commission and City Council

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## My Eighth Life

40 Years as Real  
Estate  
Appraiser



# Ninth Life

Family Man with 8  
Grandchildren

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## Oakland's Influence on Identity

"Oakland taught me resilience and creativity—its history and diversity are woven into who I am. Its spirit inspires me to embrace activism and express myself boldly."

– Personal testimony