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FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Oakland City Council
Oakland, California

**Re: Creation of Department of Race and Equity, Item #8
on February 24, 2015, Finance and Management Committee Agenda**

Dear Chairperson Kalb and Members of the Finance Committee:

The agenda report and materials proposing to amend Oakland Municipal Code, Chapter 2.29, *City Agencies, Departments and Offices*, to create the Race and Equity Agency on the February 24th Finance and Management Committee agenda were not submitted to the City Attorney's Office for review. We saw the proposed ordinance for the first time when it was published in the agenda packet.

Therefore, we have not had the opportunity to review the item for form and legality. We will be able to do so and provide input in the supplemental agenda packet for the City Council meeting of Tuesday, March 3, 2015, if the Committee forwards the item to Council.

It is our custom and practice to inform the Council when we have not been given an opportunity to review items presented to Committee or Council, as well as when we have not been given adequate time to review an item.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara J. Parker', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Barbara J. Parker
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