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BUDGET MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 22, 2023

TO: City Council and Members of the Public

FROM: Councilmember Dan Kalb

SUBJECT: Councilmember Dan Kalb’s Amendments to the FY 23-25 Proposed Budget

I am committed to supporting strategies and policies that prevent violent behavior, reduce recidivism, take violent offenders off our streets, and enhance overall public safety in Oakland. I remain steadfast in my commitment to seniors and the services they need to have healthy, fulfilling lives.

I have consistently supported the programs housed in our Department of Violence Prevention, and in 2021 successfully advocated for doubling what was their rather modest budget at the time.

I thank the Mayor and her team for the work they have done to present the proposed budget. I also thank President Fortunato Bas and her Budget team for the work they have done on their budget amendments.

Below please find my Amendments and Directives for the FY 23-25 Budget. Please find attached a spreadsheet with my amendments in additional detail.

Budget Amendments

1. Delay unfreezing of 2.0 FTE Police Services Technician II (and Reclassify to Civilian Police Investigators) to July of 2024 (from January of 2024).
2. Reduce O&M budget for IT Dept.
3. Restore \$1 Million dollars of funding to the Department of Violence Prevention grant program.
4. Unfreeze Senior Services Supervisor.SC220. This will give the Aging and Adult Services Division the ability to provide much needed services to low income seniors and seniors of color. It will also create the funds needed for matching grants that the City has already won and is currently applying.

Budget Directives

1. Prioritize hiring of 9-1-1 dispatchers to improve response time. Currently, calling 911 may or may not lead to a quick phone response in large part due to the lack of dispatchers. It is critical that we prioritize hiring and training 911 dispatchers immediately to address this essential function. We should analyze the impacts of separating the police and fire/medical dispatch phone-in lines for the public. These positions are in the budget, we just need to recruit for and fill them, and then retain those who we do hire.
2. IF graduation rates for our current/proposed OPD Academy classes are lower than projects, and IF OPD can identify funding within their FY 23-25 budget, then authorize a lateral academy to ensure that the projected number of personnel are hired and a sufficient number of officers in OPD are in place to help ensure that serious and violent crimes are fully investigated. Any lateral academy must not accept applicants who have serious disciplinary problems in any the previous departments.

Sincerely,



Dan Kalb
Oakland Councilmember, District 1

Attachments:

- A. Kalb FY 23-25 Budget Amendments Spreadsheet
- B. Previous Kalb Budget Priorities