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AGENDA REPORT

TO: HENRY L. GARDNER

FROM: Chantal Cotton Gaines

SUBJECT: Informational Report and Presentation
By the Measure Y Oversight Committee
Of Recent Updates to the SARAnet
System

DATE: December 15, 2014

City Administrator
Approval

Date

12-30-14

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Public Safety Committee accept this informational report regarding the presentation by the Measure Y Oversight Committee (MYOC) of recent updates to the Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment net (SARAnet) System. The MYOC received similar updates at recent MYOC meetings.

For questions regarding this report, you may contact Chantal Cotton Gaines in the City Administrator's Office at (510) 238-7587 or ccotton@oaklandnet.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: MYOC SARAnet Letter from Chairperson José Dorado

Item: _____
Public Safety Committee
January 13, 2015



December 15, 2014

RE: Measure Y Oversight Committee Report to the Public Safety Committee about SARAnet

Dear City Council Public Safety Committee Members,

We would like to report to you the Measure Y Oversight Committee's perspective on the Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment net (SARAnet) Database for the Oakland Police Department (OPD) and the features in the most recent upgrade. First, a little background information: community policing as a City of Oakland policy was established on June 11, 1996 by the adoption of a Resolution #72727. Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils (NCPCs) were to be created in each of the City's 57 police beats, each with an assigned Problem Solving Officer (PSO). The City tasked PSOs with converting NCPC priorities into PSO projects and to take them through the Scan, Analyze, Respond, and Assess (SARA) process. Several years ago, in an evaluation report about PSO community policing, the Measure Y evaluator, Resource Development Associates (RDA), recommended the creation of a program which would keep track of all PSO project information. Once the program, the SARAnet, was created and implemented, all PSOs entered PSO projects into the database.

Recently, the MYOC and City staff identified necessary upgrades to the database to make it more responsive to PSO needs. With the recent upgrade, the SARAnet database will have a number of important features: the elimination of problems entering information and closing projects; enhanced supervision of PSO work; the ability for PSOs to add community input as the projects are being worked on; and potentially in the future, the ability to house NCPC agendas, minutes, and other materials.

The most exciting piece of information for the SARAnet is the possibility in the future for some sort of viable community access to the system or a parallel system. Not only should SARA projects be a collaborative process that epitomizes community policing, but the SARAnet database should be an ever-evolving repository of specific best practices relative to problem-solving in Oakland.

The SARAnet database as upgraded should prove to be an invaluable resource tool not only to OPD but to the community as a whole. For this reason, it is vital that upgrades to, and the maintenance of, the database be performed by the very highest qualified entity available to do this specific work. The MYOC eagerly awaits the debut of this most valuable tool in the ongoing effort to make our City safer, in perception and in reality.

Sincerely,

/s/

José Dorado
Chair