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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Office of the City Administrator
ATTN: Dan Lindheim, City Administrator
FROM: Jeff Baker, Assistant to the City Administrator
DATE: December 14, 2010

RE: A REQUEST FROM THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (VPPSOC) THAT THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD (1) DIRECT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE THE VPPSOC GREATER ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AND PROGRAM RECORDS FROM THE CITY'S POLICE, FIRE AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES; AND (2) ENSURE VPPSOC'S INCLUSION IN THE BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS FOR ALL FUNDS EXPENDED FROM THE MEASURE Y FUND (THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT OF 2004) BEFORE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR SUBMITS MEASURE Y BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL FOR ITS CONSIDERATION AND FINAL APPROVAL

SUMMARY

A request for a more robust review of Measure Y financial and programming reports and advisory role from the Measure Y Oversight Committee was submitted to the Public Safety Committee (October 26, 2010). The Public Safety Committee directed staff to establish the requested process, include a plan on how staff can better serve the Oversight Committee's needs and provide the response for Public Safety Committee review by December 14, 2010.

BACKGROUND

Since its inception in 2005, the Measure Y Oversight Committee experienced considerable difficulty in receipt of requested revenue and expenditure reports from city staff. Consequently, the Oversight Committee found it arduous to fulfill its mandate to advise the Mayor and City Council on Measure Y-related issues. During a series of Ad-

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Hoc and Regular M-Y Oversight Committee meetings, the consensus of the Oversight Committee was to (1) divide the oversight research responsibilities among specific ad hoc committees; (2) have the City Administrator monitor all Measure Y-related reports and provide the Oversight Committee Chairperson with advance notice of their scheduling for City Council action, (3) provide periodic violence prevention strategy reports to the Mayor and City Council, and (4) adopt a “flexible” Oversight Committee “Special Meeting” schedule to review and discuss reports as well as make advisory recommendations to the Mayor and City Council, where appropriate.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

KEY ISSUES:

1. Division of Oversight Responsibilities: To ensure Oversight Committee members are apprised of and have an opportunity to review Measure Y violence prevention programs and proposals, the Oversight Committee created three Ad Hoc Committees to monitor three specific City Council related meetings:

Ad Hoc Committee on the City Council: Members Barnett, Aqeel and Forte

Ad Hoc Committee on the Public Safety Committee: Members Lee, Forte, Aqeel

Ad Hoc Committee on the Rules Committee: Members Barnett and Carter

The purpose of the ad hoc committees is the monitor all three City Council-related meetings to ensure all reports pertaining to Measure Y revenues, expenditures and programming are reviewed by the Oversight Committee prior to City Council action. In addition to Oversight Committee member attendance and monitoring, City Administrator staff will continue to work diligently with other city staff to ensure notice is provided to the Oversight Committee of any proposed Measure Y-related report scheduled for City Council action.

2. Review of M-Y Related Reports with Committee Chairperson: All Measure-Y related reports scheduled for City Council action are forwarded and discussed with the Chairperson of the Measure Y Oversight Committee and CAO staff to ensure the Committee Chairperson is provided an opportunity to schedule the report before the full M-Y Oversight Committee for review and advisory recommendations.

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3. Independent Research and Advisory Reports: During its November 15, 2010 meeting, the Measure Y Oversight Committee unanimously agreed to periodically undertake research and forward advisory policy documents on public safety and violence prevention strategies (in addition to its Annual Report) to the Public Safety Committee/City Council for review and consideration.

4. Flexible Meeting Schedule: Regular meetings of the Measure Y Oversight Committee occur on the third Monday of each month. To enable a more timely review of pending reports and to make advisory recommendations to the Public Safety Committee/City Council, the M-Y Committee will liberally exercise use of its authority to convene "Special Meetings" that require only a 48-hour notice. The liberal scheduling of "Special Meetings" will provide the Oversight Committee flexibility to convene meetings outside of its regular meeting schedule, review M-Y related reports and provide timely advisory recommendations to the Oakland City Council.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

That City Council accept this informational report.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Baker

Assistant to the City Administrator

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Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

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Approved as to Form and Legality

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Oakland City Attorney's Office

RESOLUTION (1) DIRECT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PROVIDE THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MORE PROMPT AND RESPONSIVE ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AND PROGRAM RECORDS FROM THE CITY'S POLICE, FIRE AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCIES THAN PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED ; AND (2) REQUIRE THAT BEFORE MEASURE Y BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE SUBMITTED TO THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL, SUCH BUDGET AND PROGRAMMING RECOMMENDATION SHALL BE SENT TO THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Oakland (the City) are committed to a community-oriented approach to violence prevention in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, preventing violence and ensuring public safety requires an integrated system of social services intervention, long-term crime-prevention program, police services and fire-safety and paramedic support; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Oakland passed the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004 (Measure Y) that provided an estimated \$200,000,000 over a ten-year period for violence prevention programming, community policing offices and fire safety services; and

WHEREAS, the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act specifically mandated an "Oversight Committee," charged to "...review the annual audit, evaluate, inquire and review the administration, coordination and evaluations of the programs and make recommendations to the Mayor and City Council for any new regulations or ordinances for the administration of the [Measure Y] programs...;" and

WHEREAS, The Oakland City Council desires to promote government transparency, facilitate Oversight Committee participation in the budget and program recommendation process; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the City Administrator shall provide the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Oversight Committee (VPPSOC) prompt and responsive access to financial and program records from all sources mentioned such that the VPPSOC can make timely input to the Public Safety Committee prior to the committee's decision making.

FURTHER RESOLVED, before Measure Y budget and programming recommendations or reports are submitted to the Oakland City Council for consideration and approval, such budget and programming recommendation shall be sent to the Violence Prevention and Public Safety Oversight Committee. .

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California