



CITY OF OAKLAND

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 16, 2020
To: City Council and Members of the Public
From: Councilmember Nikki Fortunato Bas, District 2
Councilmember Loren Taylor, District 6
Re: **Resolution in Support of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force**

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

We, on the Council have heard your message; our residents and community leaders stated unequivocally that the time has come for change and we are committed to working together to answer the call to create a shared vision for rapidly reimagining and reconstructing the public safety system in Oakland. We were nominated by our City Council colleagues to lead the effort as co-chairs of the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force to unify the City Council and we are committed to an open, transparent, and thorough process, co-led with the community. The City Council passed its policy directive to work towards the goal of increasing community safety through alternative responses to calls for assistance and a 50% reduction in the OPD General Purpose Fund (GFP) budget allocation.

We are presenting a Resolution that provides an initial structure for the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force and we look forward to Council and community input. The introduction of this Resolution at the July 21, 2020 City Council meeting is an opportunity for discussion and the goal would be final adoption of the Resolution at the July 28, 2020 Council meeting so that we can begin working in earnest during the August City Council recess period. The City Administrator and co-chairs will develop a more thorough scope of work document for the facilitator based on further guidance and other community feedback.

In order to assure the public that the Task Force will move forward with speed and diligence we are suggesting the following project milestones:

- **September 29, 2020:** Introduction of the Task Force to the Community Policing Advisory Board (CPAB), the Public Safety Services Oversight Commission (SSOC) and the Police Commission
- **December 31, 2020:** Draft Task Force Recommendations Presented to the City Council
- **March 31, 2021:** Final Task Force Recommendations Presented to City Council
- **June 30, 2021:** Final Day for City Council Budget Adoption

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City Council Meeting
July 21, 2020



The Reimagining Public Safety Task Force will include a robust community engagement plan that will consist of advisory groups, town halls, public forums, surveys etc. We urge the Task Force to follow the best practices for community engagement from the Department of Race and Equity. (Attached thereto as Appendix 1)

For questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Pamela Ferran, Chief of Staff, Office of Councilmember Loren Taylor, at pferran@oaklandca.gov or Miya Saika Chen, Chief of Staff, Office of Councilmember Nikki Fortunato Bas, at mchen@oaklandca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki Fortunato Bas".

Nikki Fortunato Bas,
Councilmember, District 2

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loren Taylor".

Loren Taylor
Councilmember, District 6