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City of Oakland  
*Agenda Report*

To: Rules and Legislation Committee  
From: City Council's Legislative Analyst Office  
Date: December 4, 2003  
Subject: Status Report on Activities of the City Council's Legislative Analyst Office

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**SUMMARY**

This is a regular report of projects and activities of the City Council Legislative Analyst's Office for the period from March 15, 2003 to November 21, 2003.

**BACKGROUND**

Two Legislative Analyst positions were established in response to changes in the City's governance structure mandated under Measure "X". Since the spring of 1999, the Legislative Analysts have provided staff support to the Council and its Committees including policy and financial analyses of Council agenda items, policy research at the request of Councilmembers, training to Council staff and administrative and logistical support for Council operations.

**COMPLETED PROJECTS AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES:**

**Park Maintenance:** Developed a proposal for improving park and outdoor maintenance in Oakland, including re-organization of city services, budgetary impacts, and improvement in workforce efficiency;

**FY 2003-05 Budget:** Assisted the City Council in developing the timeline, process, and analysis of fiscal information for the FY 2003-05 Budget Development (including the Capital Improvement Program and Redevelopment Agency). Developed various fiscal analysis and options for balancing the city budget for FY 2003-05.

**City Council's FY 03-05 Budget:** Develop, analyze, and review the City Council's own budget for FY 03-05.

**Measure X Limited Charter Review Committee:** Provided administrative staffing, survey/data collection and research, staffed two community meetings, maintained and administered the Committee's website, and developed the final report for the consideration by the Council.

**City Council computers:** Completed an inventory of all computers and peripheral equipment to collaborate with the Office of Information Technology for creating a uniform replacement program for all city council computers.

**“Economic Gardening”:** Reviewed and analyzed the proposed pilot project for possible inclusion of targeted city services as part of economic gardening projects.

**Parking Fees:** Assisted in collecting data and analyzing various options related to modifications of parking fees in the City of Oakland

**Military Leave pay:** Analyzed the City’s military leave pay policy to harmonize our policy with changes made at the federal level and develop a report outlining the impacts of any changes on the City’s budget.

**Drug & Violence Prevention:** Developed an initial cost estimate of possible workforce enhancement program for adult parolee and probationary citizens of Oakland

**Nuisance Eviction Ordinance:** Assisted in comparing state regulations with proposed ordinance and provided feedback for future implementation requirements in Oakland.

**City Council Administration:** Assisted in the development, distribution, and training of council staff on re-designed timesheets and other administrative requirements following the adopted budget requirements.

**Redistricting Implementation:** Worked with OIT to develop Council district locator and addressed inquiries from public.

**LGBT Roundtable:** Continued to provide staff support.

**Resolution in Support of Prevailing Wage** – prepared and calendared legislation.

**Resolution in Support of AB 60** - prepared and calendared legislation.

**Resolution in Support of AB 196** – prepared and calendared legislation.

**Resolution in Support of AB 205** – prepared and calendared legislation.

**Bay Bridge Jobs** – continued work on assessing job opportunities for Oakland residents.

**SMAAC Youth Center** - Investigate concerns related to Cannabis dispensaries.

**District One Pay Go Account Administration** – LAO provides support administering Pay Go funding for District One

**Cannabis Dispensaries** – conducted research and investigation, attended various meeting with medical cannabis advocates. Assisted with development of a regulatory proposal.

**Amendment to the City’s Anti-Discrimination Ordinance:** conducted research and developed legislation to amend the City’s Anti Discriminatin ordinance to include gender identity and gender expression.

**Ordinance Amending Section 6.04 of Municipal Code Regulating Number of Animals:** Assist District 7 with development of Ordinance.

**Resolution Amending of Measure O:** Work with Library and City Attorney’s office to prepare legislation.

**West Oakland Teen Center:** Assist District Three with development of Teen Center for West Oakland.

**Real Estate Transfer Tax Amendment:** develop legislation and calendar for Council action.

**Street Renaming Policy:** Developed street renaming policy report.

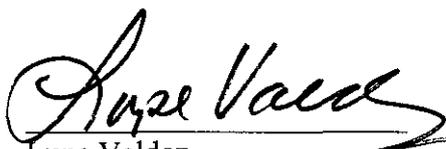
**UPCOMING PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

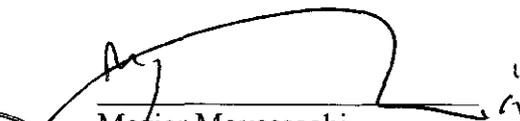
**School Crossing Guard:** Looking at options for alternative funding sources for school crossing guards and improving pedestrian safety for students in Oakland.

**Sports & Entertainment Facility Surcharge:** Looking at options and detailed information from other local municipalities that have targeted ticket surcharges and/or taxes related to sports and entertainment facilities.

**City Cell Phone Usage Policy:** Conducted a cost study and developing options for modifications to existing city cell phone usage and policy.

Respectfully submitted

  
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