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To: City Council

From: Councilmembers Kaplan and Brooks and Gallo

Re: RESOLUTION SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING RESOLUTIONS 63950, 80584 AND 86498 IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE POLICY OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND NOT TO COOPERATE WITH OR PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

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

In August 2017, the Oakland Police Department knowingly assisted with an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) action in West Oakland, despite the fact that ICE's current policies and practices conflict with Oakland's status as a Sanctuary City.

For example, under Acting ICE Director Thomas Homan, ICE agents have been targeting immigrants with no criminal record, and conducting arrests in sensitive locations like workplaces, schools, churches, and courthouses. Moreover, Homan has pledged to dedicate more resources to conducting arrests in sanctuary cities.

The presence of ICE in Oakland is causing trauma in the community, and causing a chilling effect that weakens cooperation with local law enforcement. By discouraging victims and witnesses of crimes from coming forward, ICE's actions make all of us less safe.

For these reasons, Councilmembers Brooks, Gallo, and I are introducing this Resolution, which clarifies that: OPD shall not provide law enforcement assistance, including traffic support, to ICE, including any subdivision of ICE, in any capacity, except to respond to a public safety emergency. We urge you to support this Resolution, which will be heard at the Public Safety Committee Meeting on December 5, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Councilmember At-Large Rebecca Kaplan