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To: Members of the City Council and Members of the Public  
From: Council President Rebecca Kaplan  
Date: July 21, 2020  
Subject: Adopt A Resolution to Revise the Handling of the “Special Events” function of the Oakland Police Department

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

I am urging you to adopt a resolution requesting the City Administrator to submit to Council amendments to the Oakland Municipal Chapter 9.52 and other ordinances that establish criteria and regulations for approving or permitting special events permitting, to move such duties and functions from the Oakland Police Department to the City Administrator’s Office.

In the 2018-2019 Mid-Cycle Budget, the Oakland Police Department overtime cost an additional \$14,662,458 dollars over budget; In 2019-2020 overtime cost reached an exorbitant amount of 16,937,304 dollars over budget.

The City of Oakland can reduce overall cost and OPD “overtime” cost by using Police Officers and Personnel in a more effective and efficient manner, such as focusing on responding to violent crime, burglaries, robbery and vandalism of businesses in Oakland; and

The administration of special events, fairs, and festivals throughout the nation is managed by Department of Parks, Recreation, Neighborhood Services, and Human Services. Currently, the Oakland Police Department administers the Special Event Permits, and deploys police officers and personnel to special events.

Therefore, I am urging my colleagues on the City Council and members of the Public, to request the City Administrator to revise the handling of the special events function of the Oakland Police Department; and

The City of Oakland can save money, and make it easier to plan and organize events by converting this function into a civilian role.

For questions regarding this report, please email us at [kjones3@oaklandca.gov](mailto:kjones3@oaklandca.gov) or call 510.238.7082.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Rebecca Kaplan".

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