

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oakland City Council **FROM:** Office of the Mayor **DATE:** 9/8/2025 **RE:** Request for Special Council Meeting (Sept 15) to include Oakland Public Safety Planning & Oversight Commission (Measure NN) Appointment

PURPOSE

This memorandum requests the following appointments to be scheduled for the Oakland Public Safety Planning and Oversight Commission (Measure NN) for the Special Council meeting on September 15, 2025. The Oakland Public Safety Planning and Oversight Commission oversees \$47 million in annual public safety investments that are critical to the City of Oakland

CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF MEASURE NN COMMISSION

Measure NN, approved by 71% of Oakland voters on November 5, 2024, extends and increases property and parking taxes to fund police, fire, and violence prevention services through 2033. This commission represents the direct will of Oakland voters who demanded accountability and strategic oversight of their substantial investment in public safety.

The Public Safety Commission carries extraordinary responsibilities that directly impact Oakland's most pressing public safety challenges:

Core Responsibilities:

- Oversee the development of a Four-Year Community Violence Reduction Plan with the ultimate goal of reducing crime in Oakland

- Monitor the allocation and use of all revenues generated by the Oakland Community Violence Reduction and Emergency Response Act of 2024
- Review fund usage to ensure accountability

URGENT OPERATIONAL NEEDS

The commission's quorum concerns create immediate concerns.

Immediate Impacts:

- **\$47 Million Annual Oversight Gap:** The commission monitors how Measure NN tax dollars are spent, representing approximately \$47 million annually in taxpayer investments
- **Violence Reduction Planning Delays:** The Four-Year Community Violence Reduction Plan cannot be developed without adequate commission membership, directly impacting Oakland's response to homicides, robberies, carjackings, domestic violence, and gun violence
- **Emergency Response Accountability:** With Oakland facing ongoing challenges with 911 response times and emergency services, the commission's oversight role is essential for ensuring promised improvements materialize

VOTER MANDATE AND PUBLIC TRUST

With 71% voter approval, Measure NN represents one of Oakland's strongest public mandates for action on public safety.

RECOMMENDATION

The Mayor's office respectfully requests that the City Council schedule this item for the special Council meeting on September 15 to:

- **Expedite the appointment of Caheri Gutierrez to the Oakland Public Safety Planning & Oversight Commission (Measure NN) Appointment**

CONCLUSION

The Oakland Public Safety Planning and Oversight Commission represents Oakland voters' \$47 million annual investment in public safety and their clear mandate for accountability and strategic violence reduction. Given the direct voter mandate, substantial fiscal responsibility, and urgent public safety needs, the Mayor's office urges immediate Council action to appoint Caheri Gutierrez. The Mayor's office appreciates your prompt consideration of this request and remains available to provide any additional information or clarification needed to facilitate this process.