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**AGENDA REPORT**

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**To:** Office of the City Administrator  
**Attn:** Dan Lindheim  
**From:** Oakland Police Department  
**Date:** December 2, 2008

**Re: An Informational Report From The Chief Of Police On The Status And Work Product Of The Neighborhood Enhancement Team**

**SUMMARY**

Staff has prepared an informational report on the status of the Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) to provide an overview of the Team's function and its effectiveness in the City of Oakland. Attached to this report are maps of the areas patrolled by the NET teams.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

As a part of the Fiscal Year 2007-09 adopted Oakland Redevelopment Agency (ORA) budget, a total of \$5,202,000 in ORA funds were allocated to fund 12 police officers, one police sergeant (and their associated equipment and vehicles) in the Coliseum, Central City East, Central District and West Oakland redevelopment project areas as denoted in the upper portion of in **Table 1**. The \$5,202,000 in ORA funds includes \$2,550,000 for FY 2007-08, and \$2,652,000 for FY 2008-09.

A fifth redevelopment project area, the Broadway/San Pablo/MacArthur Redevelopment Project Area proposes to pay for one full-time sworn police officer for a period of 18 months with a FY 2007-08 allocation of \$106,250 and a FY 2008-09 allocation of \$221,000 as denoted in the lower portion of **Table 1** (the two appropriations combined total \$2,656,250 for FY 07-08, and \$2,873,000 for FY 08-09).

**Table 1**

Redevelopment Project Area	Fiscal Year Allocation		Full-Time Employees	Funding Block
	2007-08	2008-09		
Coliseum	\$850,000	\$884,000	4.5	9450 / 101110 / 56801 / S28600 / 0000
Central City East	\$850,000	\$884,000	4.5	9540 / 101110 / 56801 / S233310/ 0000
Central District	\$425,000	\$442,000	2	9510 / 101110 / 56801 / S00800 / 0000
West Oakland	\$425,000	\$442,000	2	9590 / 101110 / 56801 / S233510 / 0000
<b>Subtotal of Previous Allocation</b>	<b>\$2,550,000</b>	<b>\$2,652,000</b>	<b>13</b>	
<i>Proposed</i>				9529 / 88669 / 52921 / P187510 / 0000
Broadway / MacArthur / San Pablo	\$106,250	\$221,000	1	7780 / 107710 / 52211 / P233210 / 0000
<b>Total FY 2007-09</b>	<b>\$2,656,250</b>	<b>\$2,873,000</b>		

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Public Safety Committee  
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## BACKGROUND

On October 23, 2007 the City Council received an agenda report outlining an Agency Resolution (2007-0075) adopting a Redevelopment Agency Public Safety and Police Services Program for the Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo, Central City East, Central District, Coliseum, and West Oakland Redevelopment Projects.

This program called for the Oakland Police Department (OPD) to provide supplemental police services in the ORA project areas. These services include high visibility police enforcement along the business corridors with vehicle patrol, dual purpose motorcycle patrol, bicycle patrol and walking patrol. The officers are deployed according to current crime trends in the specific project areas. Areas were selected based on information obtained from crime analysis reports. For example, beats 2 and 6 display crime patterns of shootings, street level robberies, and drug dealing. Additionally, officers have and will continue to coordinate with the business owners in these areas to help improve security for the owners and their patrons.

## KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The Central City East and Coliseum Project areas contain the International, MacArthur, Bancroft and Foothill corridors. These corridors are mainly made up of businesses with some small stretches containing residential neighborhoods. The corridors of International and MacArthur are plagued with open air drug markets which feed high rates of violent crime, robberies, and blight and public nuisance issues. These issues affect the ability of the City of Oakland to retain or attract new businesses to these areas. (The NET program was initially designed for the commercial corridors.)

The NET East unit has focused its enforcement within the Coliseum and Central City East areas that have a high instance of violent crime, robberies, drug dealing blight and public nuisance. Table 2 shows NET East statistics from the period of September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008.

**Table 2**

Category	Total
Felony Arrests	516
Misdemeanor Arrests	195
Citations	626
Walking Stops	1477
Vehicle Stops	1151
Firearms Recovered	30
Walking Patrol Hours	1163

The NET West focused its enforcement within the Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo, Central District and West Oakland Redevelopment Project areas that have a high instance of violent crime, robberies, drug dealing blight and public nuisance<sup>1</sup>. Table 3 shows NET West statistics from the period of January 26, 2008 to August 31, 2008.

**Table 3**

Category	Total
Felony Arrests	104
Misdemeanor Arrests	131
Citations	213
Walking Stops	356
Vehicle Stops	205
Firearms Recovered	14
Walking Patrol Hours	1390

**Part One Crimes Year to date 2007 to 2008**

Period of January 26 – August 31	2007	2008	% Change
West Oakland Redevelopment Area	1272	1196	-6.0%
Central District Redevelopment Area	1531	1321	-13.7%
Broadway, MacArthur, San Pablo Redevelopment Area	558	470	-15.8%

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

The NET East is comprised of one sergeant and eight officers; the NET west is comprised of five officers attached to Crime Reduction Team (CRT) 1, and one NET officer assigned to Problem Solving Unit (PSU) 2. With monies provided by the ORA, as outlined in the staff report, the NET units were able to purchase patrol vehicles, dual purpose motorcycles and computers all which enabled the NET to begin operations.

The NET East began operation with one sergeant and six officers on September 15, 2007 and attained full staffing on October 5, 2007. The NET East regular schedule is Tuesday through Saturday from 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. The eight officers are deployed with four officers assigned to the Coliseum and four officers assigned to the Central City East Oakland Redevelopment

<sup>1</sup> High instance of crime is considered to be an increase in activity over a specified period of time (usually 30-45 day period).

Projects. The NET East is currently conducting vehicle patrols, dual purpose motorcycle patrols and walking patrols in their areas of enforcement. The officers have and will continue to meet with business owners to determine the needs of the business community.

Officers of the NET East have started several projects in their target areas. For example, there has been a problem with illegal product sales along the International corridor. Officers of the NET East unit focused enforcement on these individuals, leading to a decrease in the number of people selling illegal merchandise. The NET East unit also has focused its enforcement on subjects with court mandated stay away orders within the target areas. By enforcing these stay away orders, the officers are impacting crime in the project areas in an attempt to reduce recidivism. Referral services associated with Measure Y and Healthy Oakland are provided.

The NET West began operations on January 26, 2008 with five officers. One officer is assigned to the Broadway/MacArthur/San Pablo; two officers are assigned to the Central District, and two officers are assigned to the West Oakland Project areas. The NET West is currently conducting vehicle patrols, dual purpose motorcycle patrols and walking patrols in their areas of enforcement. The officers are meeting with business owners to determine the needs of the business community. The officers of both the NET East and NET West attend quarterly community meetings.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

*Economic:* By providing increased police presence in the merchant areas of this project, it is anticipated that crime will be reduced, making the areas safer for merchants and consumers to conduct business, thereby positively impacting economic conditions in the City of Oakland.

*Environmental:* Crime has been determined as a subcomponent of blight. As the Redevelopment Agency strives to reduce blight within its project areas, the proposed program is anticipated to reduce crime and make the neighborhoods within these redevelopment areas more pleasant, peaceful, and safer environments for residents, businesses, and visitors,

*Social Equity:* The Program is providing a much needed public services that cater equally to a community with emerging mixed-income levels and increased density. Crime has prevented economic development and the growth of neighborhood services in many Oakland communities. A reduction in crime is likely to attract a variety of new businesses to Oakland, and increase the types of services available.

### **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

The ORA Public Safety and Police Services Program is anticipated to reduce crime in the participating redevelopment project areas. This reduction in crime is in turn beneficial to the overall safety of senior citizens who reside within those redevelopment areas.

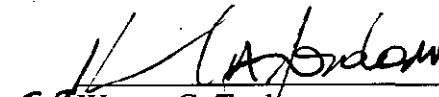
**RECOMMENDATION / RATIONALE**

Staff recommends acceptance of this report.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COUNCIL**

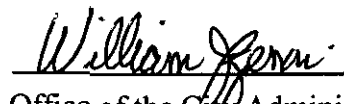
This is an informational report; therefore no action is requested of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

  
For Wayne G. Tucker  
Chief of Police

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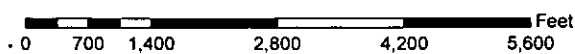
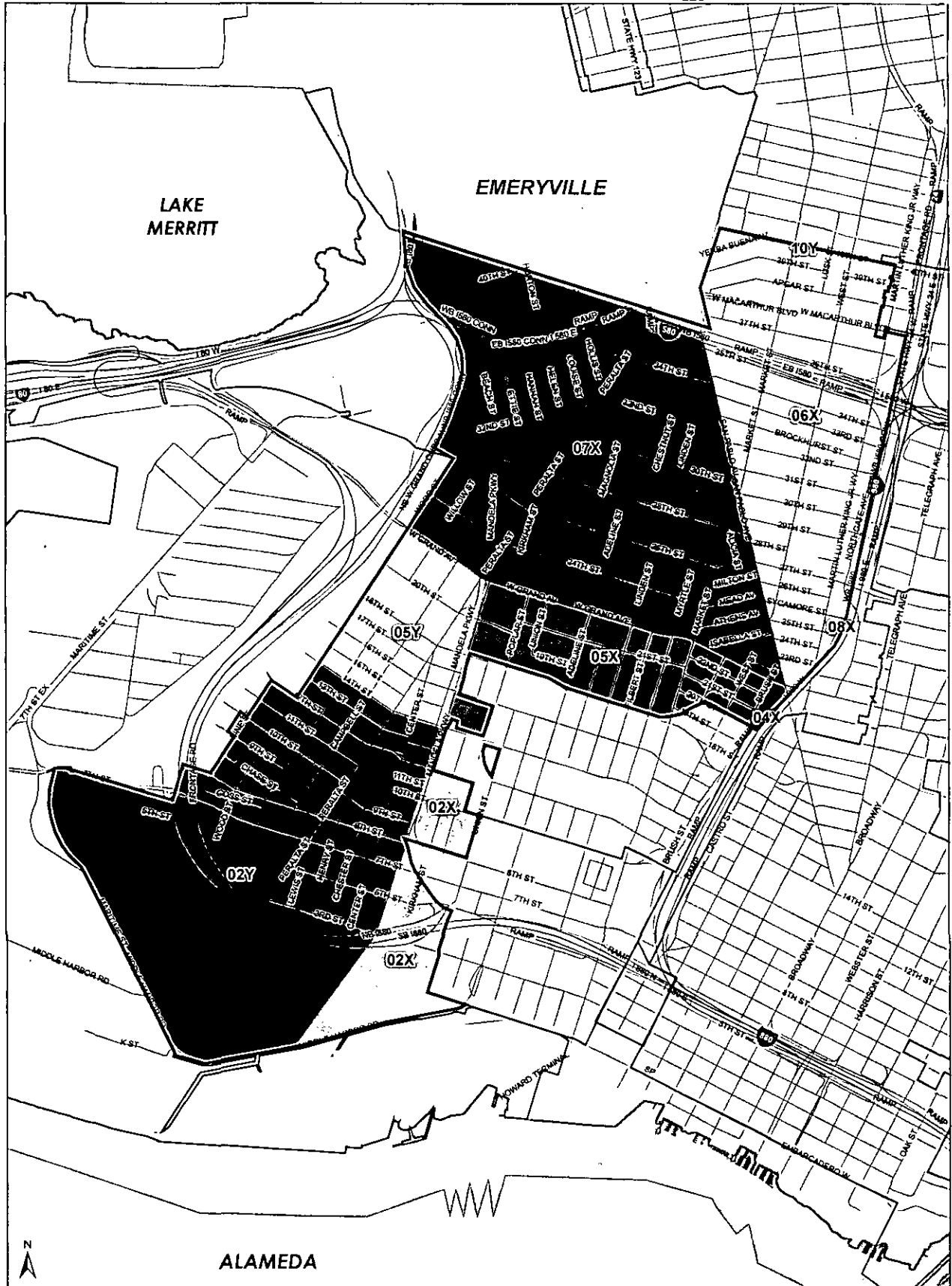
  
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*Attachments:*

- A. West Oakland Project Area Map
- B. Central District Project Area Map
- C. Coliseum project Area Map
- D. Broadway/Mac/San Pablo Project Area Map
- E. Central City East Project Area Map

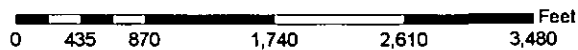
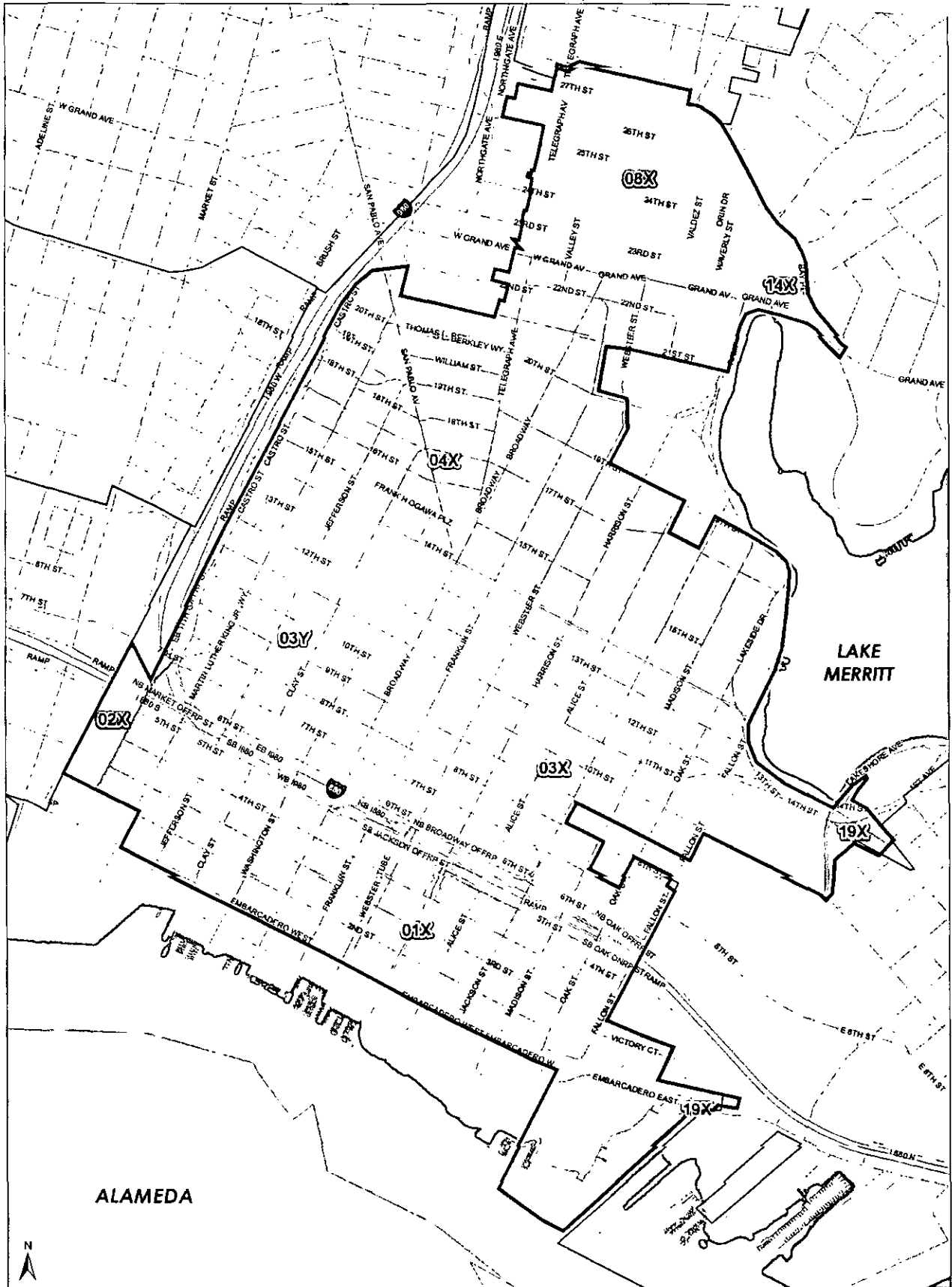
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WEST OAKLAND PROJECT AREA

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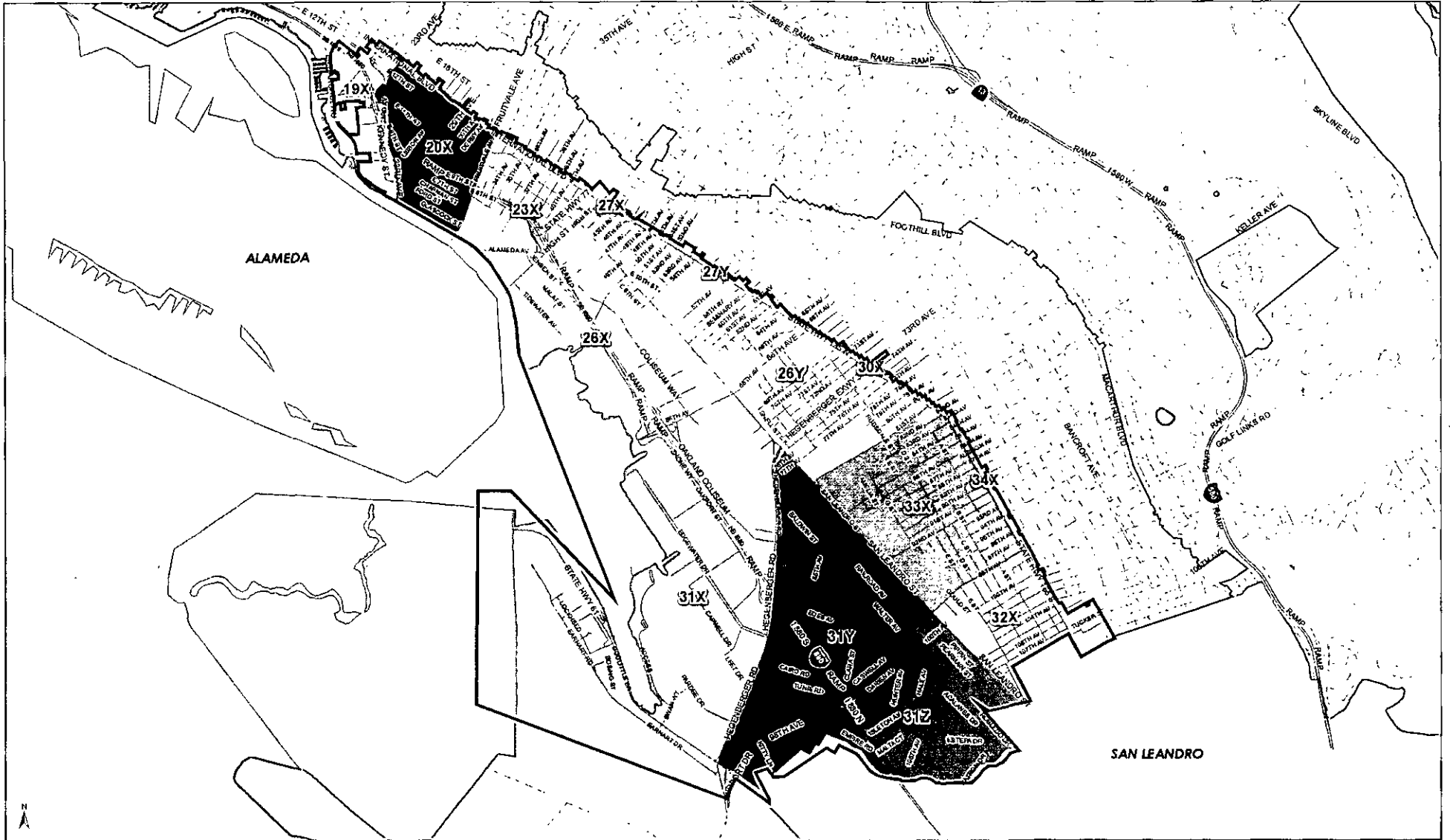


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CENTRAL DISTRICT PROJECT AREA

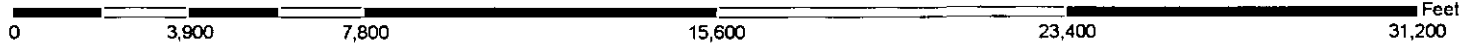
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COLISEUM PROJECT AREA

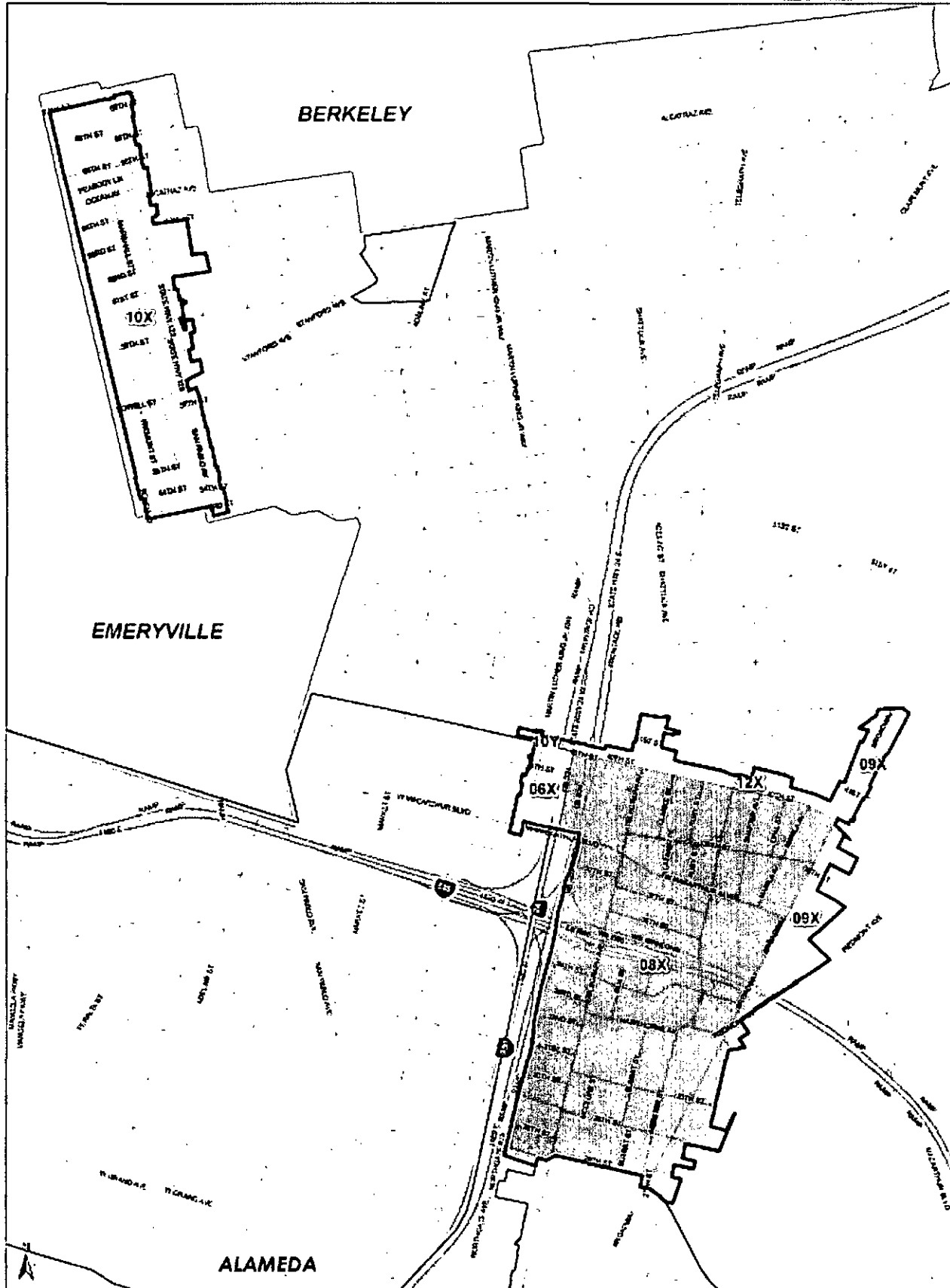


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