



AGENDA REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MEMBERS
OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: Supplemental to the Informational
Report on Public Safety Ballot
Measure

DATE: June 5, 2014

City Administrator
Approval

Date

6/5/14

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council accept this supplemental report regarding the Public Safety Ballot Measure.

REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

The Public Safety Committee continues to receive feedback from the community about the public safety ballot measure for the November election. Through a comprehensive community effort, the City has collected feedback to create draft measure language. On June 24th, Public Safety Committee will review the first draft of the language. A high level summary of common feedback heard to date from a broad cross-section of residents, non-profit, business, labor and community groups and individuals includes the following:

1. Strong support to continue funding violence prevention and reduction efforts
2. Improve accountability and oversight for priority spending
3. Improve performance and maintain staffing in the police department
4. Focus on outcomes, not activities

Based on community feedback, the committee could consider the following for draft language:

1. **No Tax Rate Increase:** the polling conducted by EMC Research in March 2014 showed support for a measure which does not ask the community to pay more money.
2. **Oversight:** create an oversight function with the following as part of their scope:
 - a. Fiscal and Performance auditing
 - b. Recommendations to the Public Safety Committee and City Council

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- c. Input on strategies: Once every 36 months, the committee would receive a presentation by the departments receiving funding and will be able to provide input on the proposed plans for funding use.
 - d. Audit and Evaluation Scope: the committee will give feedback to shape the scope of the fiscal and evaluation audits to shape the audit scope and adequacy.
3. **Oakland Police Department (OPD):** The department would allocate funding to the most effective programs including Problem Solving Officers (Community Policing Officers) and Crime Reduction Teams (CRTs) which will enable the department to focus on community policing while also reducing violent crime. OPD will also identify an appropriate approach to minimum staffing in the measure.
 4. **Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs:** Human Services would expand street outreach and case management with high risk individuals in high risk areas; support anti-recidivism and employment opportunities for at-risk youth and young adults; and improve school engagement for high risk youth and young adults. The programs will all be data driven based on the strategies that work.
 5. **Possible Oakland Fire Department (OFD) Allocation Change:** In order to give more funding to police and violence prevention and intervention programs, there is a possibility of changing the \$4 million for OFD to \$2 million. The funding for police and programs would follow a 60-40% split.
 6. **Evaluation:** use three (3) percent of funding for audits to ensure strong accountability.

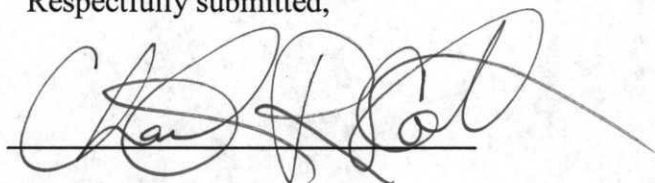
LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND:

For previous informational and supplemental reports before the Public Safety Committee on this agenda item, visit the following link:

<https://oakland.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1663535&GUID=CB0D4E44-CB50-4D97-BBD2-7970671BC495&Options=&Search=>

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Respectfully submitted,



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