Public Safety and Services Oversight Commission (SSOC)

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Purpose of Measure Z

"Maintain police and fire services and violence prevention and intervention strategies to address violent crime and to improve public safety in Oakland"



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Duties of the SSOC

- Review and evaluate the implementation of MZ
- Receive draft performance reviews before evaluator finalizes the report
- Report issues identified in the annual fiscal audit to the Mayor & City Council
- Review annual fiscal and performance audits & evaluations
- Report in a public meeting to the Mayor & City Council on the implementation of MZ
- Recommend ordinances, laws, resolutions and regulations, to ensure compliance with the requirements of MZ
- Provide input on strategies
- Receive semi-annual progress reports from the departments updating the SSOC on progress toward desired outcomes.
- Make recommendations to City Administrator regarding scope of program evaluation

Agenda for Today's Presentation

- I. How is MZ money being spent?
- II. Is MZ money being spent effectively?
- III. How has the SSOC implemented its Strategic Plan?
- IV. What recommendations does the SSOC have?



Section I: How is MZ Money Being Spent?

- Data from 2021/2022 Audit (latest available)
- Total revenue (parking tax, parcel tax): \$27,726,173
- Total Expenditures:

Police:

Fire:

DVP:

Carryover:

\$11,003,480

\$2,000,000

\$8,287,187

\$6,345,506



Oakland Police Dep't: 54 Officers (2021/2022 Data)

- Crime Reduction Team \$4M, 20 officers
- Community Resource Officers \$0.97M, 7 officers
- Intelligence Based Violence Suppression \$1.7M,
 6 officers
- Ceasefire \$4M, 21 officers



Ceasefire (2021/2022 Data)

- Well researched gun violence prevention program
- MZ pays \$4M out of total OPD Ceasefire funding of \$12.6M
- Ceasefire is 3 parts: Police, Community and Social Services



Dep't of Violence Prevention (2023/2024 Data)

FY 2023/2024

- MZ Funding: \$11M
- General Fund: \$10M

Three Strategic areas: 58 Programs, 30 Organizations

- Group & Gun Violence Response
- Gender-Based Violence Response
- Community Healing and Restoration



Section II: Is MZ Money Being Spent Effectively?

No audit, report, or evaluation has <u>ever</u> shown malfeasance

- Supported 54 OPD officers
- Helped Fire Department funding



Section II: Is MZ Money Being Spent Effectively?

MZ Specifies annual evals, but the last was done 2020

2017 - Adults who received life coaching or employment and education support services had fewer short-term arrests for a violent offense, relative to a comparison group of similar individuals.

2019 - Youth life coaching reduces school dropout and short-term arrests for violence. Youth employment reduces school dropout rates.

2020 - Individuals who participated in violence interruption programs largely avoided retaliatory violence and re-injury.

Section III. Strategic Plan - Overview

1.1 Receive a report on issues identified in annual fiscal and performance audits that affect MZ resources	2.1 Receive an annual Ceasefire MZ report	2.5 Receive an annual update concerning diversity, recruitment, and retention for MZ funded positions
1.2 Receive an annual report from DVP on GBV expenditures	2.2 Receive an annual CRO MZ report	2.6 Receive a report on success markers for OFD + analysis of 911 times
1.3 Receive a report from OPD on their ability to maintain sufficient resources to accomplish geo-policing goals	2.3 Receive an annual OPS 1-3 (aka CRTs) MZ report	3.1 Create a community engagement plan3.2 Create an annual SSOC report for joint mtg
1.4 Receive an annual report from the SVS on geo-policing	2.4 Create a document that tracks all recommendations from evals	4.1 Consider recommending ordinances, resolutions, and regulations

Section III. Strategic Plan - Progress

1.1 - Report made by interim City Administrator at April SSOC Mtg, Item 7	2.1 - TBD by OPD at Oct or Nov 2023 SSOC Mtg	2.5 - TBD by OPD at Oct or Nov 2023 SSOC Mtg
1.2 - Report made by DVP at April SSOC Mtg, Item 8	2.2 - TBD by OPD at Oct or Nov 2023 SSOC Mtg	2.6 - TBD by OFD at October 2023 SSOC Mtg
1.3 - TBD at Oct or Nov 2023 SSOC Mtg	,	3.1 - See CARE Slide 163.2 - See this presentation
1.4 - Report made by OFD at April SSOC Mtg, Item 9		4.1 - Verified Response from 2022. See slide 17 for 2023



Deeper Look into Strategic Plan Part 3: Community Outreach & Engagement

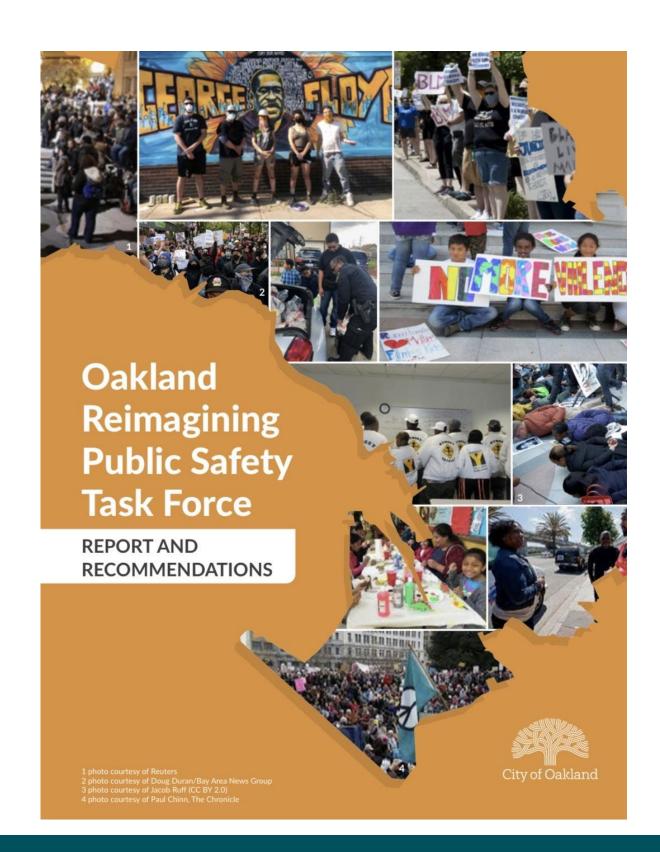
- Objective 3.1: Consider creating a community engagement committee to discuss the efficacy of MZ with members of the public.
- Created in January 2023, The CARE Committee (Community Activation, Research and Elevation) is made up of Commissioner Omar Farmer and Vice Chair Yoana Tchoukleva.
- Held presentations at Beat 22 NCPC (2/15/23), League of Women Voters (5/9/23), Violence Prevention Coalition (7/17/23), Grand Lake NCPC (8/16/23), Faith in Action EB (9/30/23).
- Answered questions, received feedback and ideas for recommendations.



- Recommendations to "improve 911 response times & other police services" (Goal 2 of MZ):
 - Verified Response (from 2022): 98% of burglary alarms are false = 4.5-6.8 annual FTE hours wasted by OPD. Verify all alarms and/or ones from repeat offenders.
 - O ASAP to PSAP: a CAD to CAD interface that identifies whether there's a burglary in progress and creates a call for service itself in milliseconds instead of minutes.
 - MACRO Expansion: improves OPD 911 response times by having non-sworn personnel respond to non-violent calls instead of OPD.
 - O **Self-triage 911 system:** prevent hold times by allowing residents to press 1-OPD, 2-Fire/Medical, 3-MACRO.
 - O **Promote direct line to OFD dispatch:** prevents 911 hold times and gets people the care they need immediately by calling **(510) 444-1616** for Fire/Medical emergencies.

Time to Revive the Reimagine Public Safety Taskforce Recommendations

- In 2021 over 150 community members and experts were tasked with providing recommendations to City Council on how to reimagine & improve public safety.
- RPST adopted 88 resolutions, Council adopted 39 and prioritized 16 (see <u>final report here</u> and <u>Council reso here</u>).
- Now in 2023 very few of these recommendations have been implemented.
- The SSOC reviewed the recs and selected those that serve to fulfill the goals of MZ.
- We request you implement immediately those that don't require funding & you invite us to the next Public Safety meeting so we can discuss the rest.



- Recommendations to improve and "invest in violence intervention and prevention strategies that support at-risk youth and young adults" (Goal 3 of MZ):
 - o #69/107 Invest in **Restorative Justice diversion programs** for youth run by the Neighborhood Opportunity and Accountability Board (NOAB) and by Community Works, which have been shown to reduce recidivism.
 - # 122 Facilitate partnership b/n Oakland Youth Advisory
 Commission (OYAC) and Oakland Police and Community
 Youth Leadership Council (OPC-YCL)

- Recommendations to to improve and "invest in violence intervention and prevention strategies that support at-risk youth and young adults" (Goal 3 of MZ):
 - o # 67 Begin moving toward the vision of Oakland as a restorative city by investing in RJ centers, like Restore Oakland, and by developing a phone app that makes it easier for community members to access existing services (such as job opportunities, housing, mental health resources, etc.)
 - # 68 Build a Reentry Hub (one-stop location) where justice-involved folks can get access to services.

- Recommendations to improve and "invest in violence intervention and prevention strategies that support at-risk youth and young adults" (Goal 3 of MZ):
 - o #149 Provide additional funding to the Department of Violence Prevention by reallocating funding from the General Fund and/or supporting the passage of a new Measure Z.
 - # 36/97/43 Create a Public Safety Officer position where
 PSOs are cross trained as police and, firefighters, to provide seamless emergency services to the community.

Thank you so much! Questions & Comments?



Mural by Chris Granillo and *Dragon School*, a nonprofit that inspires and supports youth to create community murals

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