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Date: December 21, 2021
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Vice Mayor Kaplan
Re: **Resolution Amending Resolution 88717 C.M.S. To Amend The Fiscal Year 2021-2023 Adopted Biennial Budget To Reallocate \$493,000 From Public Relations/PIO Purposes, To Go To East Oakland Police Patrol, As Shown In Exhibit 1**

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

On June 24, 2021, the Council adopted Resolution No. 88717 which authorized the Biennial budget for fiscal years 2021-23 and appropriated certain funds to provide for the expenditures proposed by the budget. Since the adoption of the Biennial budget, the Council has made necessary budgetary adjustments to respond to immediate needs in the City. This resolution adopts a budget amendment to reallocate \$493,000 from public relation purposes to East Oakland Police Patrol in order to protect residents and respond to increases in violent crime.

The City of Oakland is currently experiencing a serious rise in violent crime. According to the Oakland Police Department's Third Quarter Crime Report, homicides across the city are up 32% and aggravated assaults with a firearm are up 44% compared to 2020. Examining city crime data more closely, we find incidents of violent crime occurred within localized areas of the City. Of the 98 homicides reported from January 1 to September 30th, 56 occurred in Police Areas 4 and 5, confining 57% of all homicides during this time period within the boundaries of East Oakland. Furthermore, of the 452 instances of aggravated assault with a firearm that occurred between January and September of 2021, 56%, or 252, of those also took place in East Oakland.

Currently, the Police Department has three budgeted sworn and civilian public information positions which serve as the Department's spokespersons and liaisons between the Department and the media. Given the clear need for officers to respond to the increases in violent crime, the cost of two public information positions should be reallocated to provide more resources for boots-on-the-ground patrol: the sworn Police Officer PIO with a cost of \$247,694 and the civilian Assistant to the Director - Strategic Communications Manager with a cost of \$245,795.

Therefore, this resolution adopts a budget amendment to the biennial budget for fiscal years 2021-2023 to reallocate \$493,000 per year from public relations/PIO purposes, to go to East Oakland police resources, as shown in Exhibit 1. This will allow for resources to be devoted to covering hard-hit areas, commercial corridors, and areas hard-hit by armed robbery, and focus on East Oakland. This reallocation of funds directly responds to the needs of the City and protects Oakland residents.

In solidarity,

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

Rebecca Kaplan
Oakland Vice Mayor

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