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February 28, 2013

**RE: RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OAKLAND'S PUBLIC SAFETY INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIP PRIORITY LIST FOR 2013 TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND ORDER IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND.**

Colleagues –

I submit to you the attached resolution which establishes a “Public Safety Interagency Partnership Priorities List.” The intent of the resolution is simply to establish a priority list which we, as a City Council, agree to focus on during our various endeavors to secure assistance from our interagency partners at the Federal, State, and County levels.

Although crime reduction efforts in Oakland are beginning to show some promise, the levels of violent crime in Oakland remain unacceptably high. Our crime levels combined with our low staffing levels in the police department have put Oakland in a position of needing to increase collaborative efforts with our Federal, State, and County partners.

Despite our ongoing efforts to support public safety, we continue to fall short and our residents are demanding that we do more.

In 2012 we had 131 murders in the City of Oakland, the highest number of murders in the City of Oakland since 2006 when 148 people were slain. Those killed in 2012 included children, grandmothers, and innocent bystanders killed by stray bullets. Additionally, there were 840 non-fatal shootings of human beings in Oakland in 2012 – a 12% increase from the previous year.

In the first month of 2013, we had eight murders, 209 aggravated assaults, 10 rapes, 407 robberies, 1255 burglaries, and an overall increase of 7% in violent crime.

Our current crime levels are further exacerbated by the fact that over the past six years, the Oakland Police Department has seen a reduction of 25% in sworn staffing levels and a 35% decrease in civilian staffing levels. Despite efforts from our Mayor, City Administrator, and various Councilmembers to augment our police department, I think it is safe to say we can all agree we need additional support.

Both our State and County representatives have expressed a need for Oakland to have one agreed upon list of priorities.

While I understand that there is no guarantee that our interagency partners will grant our request in its entirety, agreeing upon a list of priorities will help us all in our discussions with them.

I urge you to adopt the attached resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Noel Gallo".

Noel Gallo  
Councilmember, District 5

*Rocio V. Quiroga*  
City Attorney

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**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Noel Gallo

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**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OAKLAND'S PUBLIC SAFETY INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIP  
PRIORITIES LIST FOR 2013 TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND ORDER IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND**

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland City Council, city leaders, executives, administrators and staff have worked tirelessly to address the public safety needs of the Oakland community; and, the City Council recently passed new crime-fighting initiatives and approved new funding to hire sworn personnel and implement crime reduction plans so that the City can alleviate the unsafe conditions that exist within the City of Oakland which are caused by violent crime, homicides, shootings, assaults, robberies, and gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds, based on crime data, crime trends, the information contained in the attached report, and the various accounts from Oakland residents, that the public safety needs of the City of Oakland are paramount and the City must continue to do everything it can to eliminate the conditions of serious peril to the safety of persons and property that now exist within the territorial limits of the City of Oakland as a result of the recent surge in violent crime, deadly shootings, attempted homicides, assaults and robberies, and other conditions of lawlessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that due to the scale and increase in violent crime it has been difficult and at times beyond the City's services, personnel, equipment and facilities to handle, necessitating the City to request assistance from other jurisdictions, such as the California Highway Patrol; the Alameda County Sheriff's Office; and other public safety partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions of serious peril to the safety of persons and property that developed in 2012 and to a large extent continue unabated into the present include but are not limited to the following conditions:

- 131 murders occurred in the City of Oakland in 2012 - the highest number of murders since 2006 when 148 people were slain;
- Of the 131 murders that occurred in 2012, several included children, grandmothers, and innocent bystanders killed by stray bullets; and
- In addition to the 131 murders that occurred in 2012, an additional 840 people were shot and survived, bringing the total number of reported shootings to about 971 - a 12% increase from the previous year; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past six years, the Oakland Police Department has seen a reduction of 25% in sworn staffing levels and a 35% decrease in civilian staffing levels; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Police Department continues its efforts to focus on both short term and long-term strategies to reduce violence in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland is committed to continuing its work to increase police staffing levels and augment the department; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's crime reduction efforts are beginning to show promise; but the levels of violent crime in the City still remains unacceptably high, creating unnecessary fear and apprehension in our communities, families, and the young; and

**WHEREAS**, in the first month of 2013, the City experienced six murders, 175 aggravated assaults, 9 rapes, 317 robberies, 939 burglaries, and an overall increase of 6% in violent crime; and

**WHEREAS**, other government entities, law enforcement agencies, the business community, and community organizations at the federal, state, regional and local levels have and continue to provide assistance to the City of Oakland through mutual aid efforts, crime intelligence, criminal prosecution efforts; support services for communities in need, and funding sources, including augmenting the City's resources by providing additional services, personnel, equipment, and facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland representatives have met with the City's partner agencies and communities to identify additional ways to improve public safety throughout the City, and these entities have expressed their support for the City to identify its Public Safety Partnership Priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland elected officials have been advised by our State and County representatives that it is in Oakland's best interest to establish a Public Safety Partnership Priorities List; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland City Council recognizes and appreciates the funding, support, and alliances with our public safety partners in government, business organizations and the community while recognizing that not all the items listed on this Priority List will be achievable; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council hereby declares the following list as its official Public Safety Partnership Priorities List:

Partners	Needs/Description/Opportunities
<b>Federal Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 30/30/30 Regional Law Enforcement Grant</li> <li>▪ Grant funds for more sworn personnel and civilians</li> <li>▪ Grant funds to support OPD's daily operations</li> <li>▪ Grant funds to enhance human trafficking investigations</li> <li>▪ Grant funds to support city-wide CeasePire initiatives</li> </ul>
<b>State</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any Available Cal Grip Funding</li> <li>▪ CHP Overtime Allocation to Golden Gate Regional Division</li> <li>▪ Crime Lab Backlog Assistance</li> <li>▪ Assistance with Stolen Vehicle Investigations (over 7,000 vehicle thefts last year)</li> <li>▪ Helicopter Assistance/Use of Air Units</li> <li>▪ Dispatcher Funds</li> <li>▪ Fixed License Plate Readers (auto theft and recovery)</li> </ul>
<b>County</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4 days per week ACSO patrol/enforcement (City pays for 2 days per week and County pays for 2)</li> <li>▪ Police Academy Assistance</li> </ul>
<b>Business Partners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Outreach and Public Safety Campaign</li> <li>▪ Support Neighborhood Ambassador Programs</li> <li>▪ Information and Support Solicitation</li> </ul>
<b>Community Groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Same as Business</li> </ul>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that adoption of this resolution establishes the above list as Oakland's Public Safety Partnership Priorities, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that Oakland representatives including Council Members, the Mayor, Chief of Police, City Administrator and all other staff working on public safety needs in the City of Oakland shall prioritize and emphasize the needs listed above when seeking assistance from partner government agencies; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Public Safety Partnership Priorities List may be changed upon subsequent action by the City Council, or at the discretion of the City Administrator based on changing public safety needs of the City and funding and resource opportunities; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Public Safety Partnership Priorities List allows the City of Oakland to more effectively inform and communicate the City's priorities to our governmental agency partners when seeking support from their respective jurisdictions; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council hereby authorizes and requests the City Administrator and City's legislative lobbyists to affirmatively pursue and advocate for the above Public Safety Partnership Priorities with our State, County and Federal representatives while continuing to work with the City's business and community partners.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 2013

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAFF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

LATONDA SIMMONS

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City  
of Oakland, California