



# AGENDA REPORT

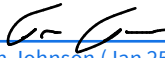
**TO:** Jestin D. Johnson  
City Administrator

**FROM:** Darren Allison  
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**SUBJECT:** OPD DEA Task Force MOU

**DATE:** January 18, 2024

City Administrator Approval

  
Jestin Johnson (Jan 25, 2024 16:03 PST)

Date

Jan 25, 2024

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff Recommends That The City Council Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator Or Designee To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Through September 30, 2026 With The United States Department Of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) And The Oakland Police Department (OPD) DEA Task Force Group (Task Force) To Collaborate On Information Sharing And Focused Operations To Disrupt Illegal Drug Activity Occurring In The City Of Oakland.**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This resolution, if approved by the City Council, will authorize OPD participation in the OPD DEA Task Force until September 30, 2026. The Task Force focuses on investigations related to the trafficking of illegal drugs in Oakland. The MOU (**Attachment A**) stipulates that OPD will assign one OPD sworn officer to collaborate with the DEA Task Force. The DEA will also provide funding for office space, supplies, travel funds, equipment, and training, subject to funding availability.

## **BACKGROUND AND LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

There is an established nexus between the use, manufacture, and sale of illegal narcotics and violent crime in Oakland. The mission of the DEA is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States and bring to the criminal and civil justice system of the United States, or any other competent jurisdiction, those organizations and principal members of organizations, involved in the growing, manufacture, or distribution of controlled substances appearing in or destined for illicit traffic in the United States; and to recommend and support non-enforcement programs aimed at reducing the availability of illicit controlled substances on the domestic and international markets.

The DEA State and Local Task Force combines federal leverage and the specialists available to the DEA with state and local officers' investigative talents and detailed knowledge of their jurisdiction to lead drug law enforcement investigations. The DEA shares resources with state and local officers, thereby increasing the investigative possibilities available to all.

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DEA Task Forces also allow state and local police agencies to receive a share of forfeited drug proceeds; participation in DEA Task Forces also allows the DEA to pay for the overtime and investigative expenses of participating police agencies.

The proposed MOU was presented to Privacy Advisory Commission (PAC) on January 4, 2024, and unanimously approved.

### **ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

This report advances the citywide priority of **responsive, trustworthy government** as OPD is keeping its MOU up to date to continue its participation with federal law enforcement agencies and their task forces.

The current DEA MOU expired on December 31, 2023. Adopting this proposed resolution will allow OPD to renew the MOU through September 2026.

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### **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

No outreach was deemed necessary for this report beyond the standard City Council agenda noticing procedures.

### **COORDINATION**

The MOU was presented to PAC on January 4, 2024, and unanimously approved. OPD consulted with the Office of the City Attorney in developing this report and accompanying resolution.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no personnel or other costs to OPD associated with collaboration with this taskforce; OPD will designate one officer already employed through OPD's operating budget. Any distributions of forfeited assets from DEA to OPD shall be deposited into Fund to be determined, Org 102310, Account 46319, Project to be determined, and Program PS03.

### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Economic:** There are no economic opportunities associated with this report.

**Environmental:** There are no environmental opportunities associated with this report.

**Race and Equity:** OPD's collaboration with the DEA helps OPD to target not only illegal drug and narcotics trafficking but violent crime connected to illegal drug trafficking and associated


networks through investigation via intel-led policing. All residents and visitors benefit from these efforts to investigate and prosecute individuals involved in this illegal and dangerous activity.

**ACTION REQUESTED OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Lt. Stave Valle at [svalle@oaklandca.gov](mailto:svalle@oaklandca.gov).

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Attachments (1)  
A: OPD DEA Taskforce MOU

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