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Honorable City Council
Oakland, California

Re: Loitering Ordinance


Dear President Reid and Members of the Council:

The City Attorney's Office has not reviewed the ordinance because we were advised of the plan to place it on the October 4th Council agenda only a few days before the 10-day agenda packet deadline. It is necessary to update the ordinance and review the law for changes that have occurred since our Office drafted the 2008 version.

Given the significant loss of staff in this office, we did not have resources or time to provide review or comment. We may have time to work on the ordinance in time to provide input in the supplemental report for the October 4 meeting. However, if changes required are too substantive, we will not be able to add a revised ordinance to the supplemental, and the ordinances may have to be delayed for two weeks.

In the future, we will include a similar notice in the packet if we are not given enough time to complete a legal review.

Very truly yours,


Barbara J. Parker
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