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Date: May 31, 2018  
To: Oakland Mayor and City Administrator  
From: Councilmember At-Large Rebecca Kaplan  
Re: Mid-cycle budget requests

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Further Budget Questions from Councilmember Kaplan and Community:

1. Status of tenant assistance funds, question from community: "Many more Oaklanders are seeking tenant assistance to help with rising rates of eviction and displacement, but the funding previously approved by Council has not yet been issued for this purpose. We need to know the timeline for assistance funds to be issued, the intended process, and whether it will include emergency assistance for tenants and homeowners is a question, or whether just funds for service providers to provide help with homeowner and tenant concerns."
2. Horses. We have recently learned that somebody authorized the police department to acquire and outfit horses and petting ponies. We cannot find a record of Council authorization of this new expenditure. Please provide information about the costs, including expected ongoing operating/maintenance costs and staff time intended to be devoted to this effort, and how this was authorized.
3. How much money in the budget is allocated to outside organizations/non-profits without an RFP process? For example, what RFP or oversight or reporting process or oversight committee reporting is in place regarding the public funds being given to the non-profit "Oakland Promise" and any others that were awarded without RFP or other formal selection process? (This question does not apply to funds allocated through formal committee oversight processes such as Kids First).
4. How much space in the City Hall/Ogawa Plaza complex is being made available to non-profits or other outside organizations? At what charge? What is the process for such allocation? How much unused space is currently available?
5. Security. The Administration is proposing additional funding for police and other security for City Hall. Please clarify: Where is the proposed expenditure intended to come from? What would the cost of this additional work be if done by security guards, as compared to doing it by sworn police officers?
6. How many FTEs would be needed to be included, in order to provide pro-active cleanup of trash/illegal dumping throughout the City?
7. How much money would the City of Oakland get back for budgeting for public needs, if we relinquished/sold our tickets/box for games and events at the Oracle Arena and Coliseum?
8. Please provide a breakdown of the proposed uses and programs for the soda tax dollars, how much money allocated to each and how much money remains unallocated, and planned timeline for action on the portion of the funds not yet allocated.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan".