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Date: December 15, 2020
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Council President, Rebecca Kaplan
Re: Resolution Directing The City Administrator And Their Designees To Begin The Process Of Reviewing Options For The Creation Of Oakland City Staff Civilian Response Positions For The Macro Program Pursuant To Resolution No. 87759 C.M.S. And Report Back To Council

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

I am urging my colleagues on the City Council to adopt a Resolution directing the City Administrator and their designees to begin the process of reviewing options for potential use of in-house personnel for the MACRO Program.

The Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) addresses the opportunity to integrate a new model of response for mental health calls, using civilian responders, to be coordinated by the Department of Violence Prevention.

This model is based on providing appropriate response for mental health needs, with a focus on responders who have those competencies, rather than armed officers. The program expects to save lives and save on costs for the city.

The program is intended to be launched using external personnel. This is a request to simultaneously begin the evaluation of options, costs, and structure to allow us the option to consider using in-house personnel in the future. Such an option could potentially solidify the program. This Resolution would ask the Administration to undertake that process to evaluate that option, including meeting with stakeholders including labor partners, to evaluate costs, benefits, and options for such a future use of in-house personnel. They would then return to Council with that information for further action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan", enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Rebecca Kaplan
Oakland City Council President

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