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Date: October 11, 2021 – Finance Committee
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan
Re: **New Multi-Service Public Buildings, and Relocation of PAB and Fire Stations**

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

With this agenda item we will be discussing options for new multi-service public facilities, to better provide service and safety to the public, and improve opportunity and vitality, including fire stations, police administration, and other services, and making the best use of public land.

The current Police Administration Building (PAB) at 7th Street and Broadway in downtown Oakland, has long been in need of renovations or replacement, and does not adequately meet core needs. The building currently houses the Office of the Chief, Office of Inspector General, Crime Lab, Crime Investigation, Field Operations, Academy and Training, Records, Property and Evidence, Identification Unit, and administrative services. It also fails to prove the needs for staffing, equipment and space to maximize effectiveness of our investigations and follow up. It is time for the City of Oakland to look at alternatives to this building, including moving some personnel into other existing buildings, and constructing a new building in East Oakland, which would provide for multiple departments to have effective space, including Fire, Police, MACRO and more, to better provide for equitable public access to services. In addition, the current 7th/Broadway publicly owned property, is a large site, within easy walking distance of downtown, Jack London Square, BART, and more, and, by freeing it up from its current use, it can and should be revitalized to incorporate ground-floor activation and a more accessible and pedestrian-welcoming environment, housing (including affordable housing), mixed use, transit oriented development, with ground floor retail/commercial, etc. By revising the 7th/Broadway site into a better use, we can improve the accessibility and activation of this vital central corridor in Oakland, as well as developing more housing and other positive uses for the community.

Thus, we would ask that the Administration review which of the existing functions in the PAB could be moved to existing facilities, and which would be best housed in a new building. This new building, City Center East, would be a new multi-departmental public service center in East Oakland. It would house multiple departments and meet the needs of our community, and can include space for CERT Training and other functions. The Administration should also include options of providing for Planning and Building permitting to be available in the new East Oakland facility, and look at options

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for including other City Departments. It would provide enough space to relocate functions from the current building on 7th and Broadway, and allow that site to be free for reuse.

In 2017, a feasibility study for a new Police Administration Building was conducted, which evaluated relocating current PAB functions to Coliseum-area City property. Shah Kawasaki Architects (SKA) conducted the study, which included a scope of services for the following tasks: 1) research and evaluation of existing PAB documents; 2) assessment of OPD program and space needs; 3) conceptualization of building site layouts and site considerations; 4) development of budget cost estimates and timeline schedule; and 5) recommendations on finance strategy and implementation plan. [[LINK TO PAB STUDY](#)]

It is time that we move forward on this new building and provide our City departments with the space they need and deserve to do their jobs to serve the community, and make better use of property we own. This site is in addition to the work regarding a new fire station with multi service facilities in San Antonio, which is needed and important as well, and for which Council President Nikki Bas has been working.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Kaplan", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan
Oakland City Councilmember At Large

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