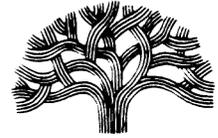


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TO: Rules & Legislation Committee
ATTN: Assistant to the City Administrator
FROM: President Reid & Councilmember Schaaf
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Re: Requests from President Reid and Councilmember Schaaf for the following Reports and Resolutions:

1. Remove Conditions and Begin Immediate Preparations for a June 2013 Police Academy, As Already Budgeted For FY 12/13;
2. Enter Into a Memorandum of Understanding with Alameda County Sheriffs Department for 90 days of Crime Suppression Assistance Not To Exceed \$265,000, with one option to renew for an additional 90 days; and
3. To Conduct an Expedited Hiring of 20 Police Service Technicians To Be Assigned to Field Duty and 1 Crime Lab position, at an annual cost of \$1,533,600.

We bring these three requests to the Council in response to the unacceptable levels of crime in our communities. As crime and fear are increasing, our police staffing will be reaching its lowest point in recent history.

The complex nature of recruiting, screening, and training sworn police officers restricts our ability to hire new Oakland Police Officers any faster than our currently scheduled Academies – one which is in progress, one which is budgeted to begin in March and one budgeted to begin in June. However, our currently adopted budget makes the June 2013 Academy contingent on the full resolution of state clawback issues. Because these issues remain unresolved and preparations for Academies take months, we are beginning to

compromise the Oakland Police Department's ability to actually start an academy in June 2013. The recently released 4th Quarter Revenue and Expenditures Report demonstrates that the City of Oakland currently has sufficient reserves to cover all possible clawback demands from the State. There is no reason to delay preparing to hold this Academy as soon as possible.

Secondly, because we are unable to increase our sworn strength any faster than the scheduled academies, we have looked for other ways to support law enforcement efforts. Oakland is already fortunate to have assistance from California Highway Patrol. We propose contracting temporarily for crime suppression assistance from Alameda County Sheriffs during this temporary period of low police staffing.

Finally, we also propose bringing back civilian field duty police service technicians that have supported Oakland Patrol Officers in the past. While budget cuts over the last years have decreased sworn staffing in OPD by approximately 25%, they have decreased civilian staffing in OPD by approximately 34%. We propose adding 20 Police Service Technicians to be used exclusively in the field to support Patrol Officers in their crime suppression efforts. We also propose adding a Crime Lab position to support the important investigative work performed by Oakland's Crime Lab.

We recognize that adjusting the budget at this point is an extreme measure, but we believe Oakland's current crime and police staffing crisis warrants this action. Our recently released Revenue and Expenditure report suggests we can afford to make these adjustments due to an unanticipated increase in both our one-time and on-going revenues. The report states "It should be noted that of the \$34.8 million in revenues exceeding the budgeted amount, \$24.4 million was due to one-time, non-recurring revenues and early recognition of revenues; *the remaining \$10.4 million are due to economic growth (emphasis added).*" While the Administration has stated reasons for leaving these unanticipated revenues in the City's reserves, the Council holds budgeting authority and it should be our policy decision as to how to use these funds. We believe there is no more pressing need or higher priority than suppressing crime in our city, and that these actions are too urgent to wait another half year for the traditional budgeting process.