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DATE: March 15, 2019
TO: Mayor Libby Schaaf, Oakland City Council, City Administrator, and Finance Director
FROM: Councilmember Noel Gallo, Council District 5
SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2019-2021 Budget Priorities

I look forward to working with Mayor Schaaf, my City Council colleagues and Oakland residents to develop a spending plan that balances fiscal responsibility with the need to make bold investments in Oakland's future. My budget priorities are an expression of the values of District Five constituents and illustrate my commitment to making Oakland an equitable city that is growing responsibly and addressing the needs of all neighborhoods and residents, especially Oakland's underserved neighborhoods.

My priorities include aggressive work and recommendations to address: homelessness: need for more housing options; safe, clean and livable neighborhoods; expand initiatives to make our roads and sidewalks safer for all residents; and stronger employment training and development for Oakland residents.

The following is a listing of my Budget Priorities for the upcoming FY 2019-2021. I will continue to refine these priorities and associated costs for consideration. I am continuing to receive input from District 5 residents and businesses and my Budget Priorities will continue to be developed. I also intend to submit a listing of possible Revenue opportunities.

1. Homelessness

Oakland must remain vigilant about expanding our homeless response and build upon the momentum from 2018 to pursue lasting solutions to the homelessness crisis. However, while focusing on more immediate opportunities, we must remain committed to additional actions that can have broader impact.

- Continued Implementation of Homeless Prevention and Diversion Services
- Increase Capacity of Existing Homeless Service Providers
- Increased funding for Mobile Showers and Restrooms
- Workforce Development and Job Training Programs
- Expansion of Homeless Navigation Centers

- Accelerate and prioritize the development of those City-owned sites already in planning or City agreements for permanent affordable housing developments;
- Funding for continuing and expanding the Safe Parking Program into every City Council District;
- Re-aligning Police Department Neighborhood Services Division activities to support neighborhood districts (residential and commercial corridors) that are heavily impacted by homeless encampments and/or related public safety concerns; and
- Re-align the City's Homeless Coordination Program
- Expand the Mobile Homeless Outreach Team Program
- Prioritize Homeless Encampment Trash Pickup as part of the Waste Management Contract Daily Pick up

2. **Housing Development**

- Accelerate efforts to develop a range of housing types throughout the City of Oakland
- Expedited permit processing, especially for housing developments in East Oakland neighborhoods

3. **Public Safety**

- Full Implementation of the Oakland Citizens Police Commission
- Police Performance Measures
- Improvements to Oakland Police Department Non-Emergency Lines & Other Communication Channels
- Recruitment & Retention of Police Officers and Fire Fighters
- Community Oriented Policing:
 - Business District Walking Officers
 - Security Cameras (business districts and illegal dumping sites)
- Stronger Commercial & Residential Code Enforcement Program, including prioritized hiring of Building & Fire Code Enforcement Inspectors
- Expand Motorcycle Patrol by one (1) squadron

Focus on Neighborhood Vitality

4. **Community Public Infrastructure**

- Streets Maintenance & Repairs
- Sidewalks Maintenance & Repairs
 - Mitigate all tripping hazards to effectively reduce the City's liability and improve the conditions of our sidewalks
- Municipal Parks & Park Facilities Maintenance
 - Priority funding for park maintenance to maintain and repair facilities in Oakland Parks identified by recent assessment of the Parks & Recreation Foundation
- Funding for Municipal Tree Care & Trimmers in District business corridors and parks

5. Illegal Dumping

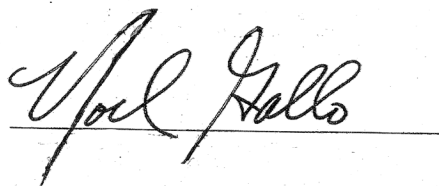
- Implement a Voucher System to assist Residents
- Require Fencing of lots to prevent dumping
- Stronger Resident Education
- Stronger Litter Enforcement Program with Aggressive Prosecution
- Focused Mapping (GIS) to identify no garbage services and dumping hot spots on vacant lands, multi-family, single family units, commercial properties
- List and explanation of “approved haulers”
- Increased Community Involvement &
- Prioritize Street Vacation Requests by Qualified Private Businesses, particularly in our industrial corridors

6. Economic & Workforce Development

- Employment Training & Job Creation Services for Oakland residents
- Youth Services/Youth Workforce Development (16-24 years of age)
- Stronger Business Development Initiatives in East Oakland:
 - Focused Small Business Development Staffing, Technical Assistance Services, Lending Program to assist existing and startups for East Oakland
 - Extension of Area 3 Development Impact Fees Program for FY 7/1/2020-6/30/2021
 - Dedicated Façade & Tenant Improvement Program for East Oakland retail and commercial properties
 - Funding for one (1) FTE position for Minimum Wage Business Education and Compliance Program
 - Increased Funding for Street Level Health Project (Day Laborer Program)
 - Brownfield Funding & Dedicated Staff for addressing major Brownfield sites redevelopment to facilitate commercial and industrial development/jobs (District 5 sites: Owens Illinois, GE Electric, Cryer Site) as well as former gas station sites throughout the City

I am available for any questions.
Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noel Gallo", written over a horizontal line.

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