



Message to My Constituents: A Comprehensive Plan to Improve Public Safety in Oakland

Dear Residents of Oakland,

Crime is on the rise in our community, and it's affecting all of us. There have been frightening reports of robberies, car jackings, smash-and-grabs, and even homicides. As your elected representative, I'm not just a council member, I'm also a concerned father who feels your fear. Our community is resilient, but we need more than just resilience. We need immediate and collaborative action to ensure our safety and security, both in the short and long term. The time for petty fights and political posturing is OVER. Enough is truly Enough. Let's work together to make our community safer.

I am committed to the following initiatives to improve public safety in Oakland:

Regional Coordination for Immediate Crime Prevention

To address the current spike in violent crimes, it is essential to recognize that Oakland cannot tackle this issue alone. Collaboration among all law enforcement agencies is needed to ensure fair and equitable policing in the Bay Area. This collaborative effort must also include sharing of data and technologies among agencies to identify hotspots for criminal activities. We along with our partners must be innovative and willing to use all legal tools in our toolbox.

Regional Partnerships for Ongoing Violence Prevention

As we collaborate on immediate crime prevention strategies, we must also address the root causes of crime. In Oakland, poverty is a reality for some residents and the surrounding areas, and there is a sense of hopelessness. We must learn from the past which has taught us that having a "lock them up" mentality only exacerbates disparities in impacted communities of color. While I support ongoing support for Oakland's Department of Violence Prevention, I believe that every city within the region should create similar programs. Furthermore, I rely on the Department of Violence Prevention to use Results Based Accountability metrics in their work. Additionally, I will request that our City Administrator collaborate with similar organizations in the nine counties of the Bay Area to prevent violence.

Revamping our 911 System

As many residents are aware, our city was hit with a major ransomware attack that affected all aspects of administrative functions. This included our 911 and 311 systems, which are still not fully operational. The city is upgrading our systems to ensure that this type of attack does not impact our critical emergency services. In the meantime, I am committed to searching for funding to hire more dispatchers and reduce wait times. Read the [press release](#) to learn more about the \$2.5 million dollar commitment toward a 911 Improvement Plan. No one should call 911 and be placed on hold, endure long wait times, and/or be directed to another jurisdiction. Additionally, I am in discussions with the Peralta Community College District to develop a program that prepares community college students to step into these vital roles.

880 Corridor Task Force

Traversing the city on its highways and roads should not mean traveling in a bulletproof vehicle. Our freeways have been battlegrounds killing or wounding far too many people, most notably small children. I have been in talks with my council colleagues about forming a collaborative with leaders from neighboring cities to collaboratively go to the State for solutions

License Plate Readers and Vehicle Enforcement

I will work to secure approval for license plate reader technology, as it has proven to be an effective tool in combating crime. To address concerns, I will host a town hall to educate the community about how license plate readers assist law enforcement in identifying and locating vehicles involved in criminal activity. This technology can also help recover stolen vehicles.

Consultation with the Attorney General

I will seek the support of the Attorney General to investigate the growing problem of organized crime manifesting as robberies and smash-and-grabs.

Modification of the 'No-Chase' Policy

While safety remains paramount, it's crucial to empower our police force to act decisively against suspects involved in burglaries and robberies. Therefore, I propose a review and modifications of our current 'no-chase' policy to allow our officers to chase suspects that are accused of creating harm in our community

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Calling on the ATF and Congressional Action

While these steps won't solve all our problems overnight, they are a comprehensive start towards reclaiming the safety and peace of our city. Together, we can turn the tide and make Oakland a safer home for us all. Thank you for entrusting me with the sacred duty to represent you. I remain committed to serving our community and working diligently to improve our quality of life. Together, we can turn the tide and make Oakland a safer home for us all.

I am grateful for your trust in me to represent you. I am committed to serving our community and working diligently to improve our quality of life.

In service to you,

Council member Kevin Jenkins, District 6
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