



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Agenda**

**Wednesday, February 1, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Via Teleconference**

**Board Membership:**

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Vacant (Dist. 2), Vacant (Dist. 1), Carol Wyatt (Dist. 3), Jenny Zilliac (Dist. 4),  
Jorge Lerma (Dist. 5), Donald Dalke (Dist. 6), Vacant (Dist. 7),  
Art Douglas Blacksher (At Large), Colleen Brown (NW),  
Geraldine Wong (NW), Van Cedric Williams (OUSD), Ericka Parker (OHA),  
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Persons addressing the Community Policing Advisory Board shall state their names  
and the organization they are representing, if any.***

1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
2. Open Forum/Public Comment
3. Approve Resolution to Continue Teleconferencing Meetings  
The Community Policing Advisory Board (CPAB) will consider re-adoption of a resolution determining that conducting in-person meetings of the CPAB and its committees would present imminent risks to attendees' health, and electing to continue conducting meetings using teleconferencing in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e) as amended by California Assembly Bill No. AB-361
4. Presentation and report by the Oakland Police Department
5. Update and Report from the Neighborhood Services Division
6. Presentation, review and possible action on the Oakland Speaks project. CPAB may request that staff enter into contract with an organization to assist with the implementation of this project.
7. Presentation, discussion and possible action on CPAB Member(s) joining OPD data transparency joint ad-hoc committee with the Safety and Services Oversight Committee (SSOC)
8. Update from CPAB Staff on update to community policing resolution, 79235
9. Board Member Open Forum and Updates
10. Adjourn

# OAKLAND COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD

## RESOLUTION NO. 2-1-23

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**ADOPT A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH AND ELECTING TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), A PROVISION OF AB-361.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration has not been lifted or rescinded. *See* <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf>

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the City Administrator in their capacity as the Director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), issued a proclamation of local emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Oakland, and on March 12, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution No. 88075 C.M.S. ratifying the proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code (O.M.C.) section 8.50.050(C); and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Resolution No. 88075 remains in full force and effect to date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends physical distancing of at least six (6) feet whenever possible, avoiding crowds, and avoiding spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors, particularly for people who are not fully vaccinated or who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. *See* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>;

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that people who live with unvaccinated people avoid activities that make physical distancing hard. *See* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>;

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that older adults limit in-person interactions as much as possible, particularly when indoors. *See* <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html>;

**WHEREAS**, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Alameda County Public Health Department all recommend that people experiencing COVID-19

symptoms stay home. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>;

**WHEREAS**, persons without symptoms may be able to spread the COVID-19 virus. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>;

**WHEREAS**, fully vaccinated persons who become infected with the COVID-19 Delta variant can spread the virus to others. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>;

**WHEREAS**, the City's public-meeting facilities are indoor facilities that do not designed to ensure circulation of fresh / outdoor air, particularly during periods of cold and/or rainy weather, and were not designed to ensure that attendees can remain six (6) feet apart; now therefore be it:

**WHEREAS**, holding in-person meetings would encourage community members to come to City facilities to participate in local government, and some of them would be at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and/or would live with someone who is at high risk; and

**WHEREAS**, in-person meetings would tempt community members who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to leave their homes in order to come to City facilities and participate in local government; and

**WHEREAS**, attendees would use ride-share services and/or public transit to travel to in-person meetings, thereby putting them in close and prolonged contact with additional people outside of their households; now therefore be it:

**RESOLVED:** that the Community Policing Advisory Board finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts and incorporates them into this Resolution; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that, based on these determinations and consistent with federal, state and local health guidance, the Community Policing Advisory Board determines that conducting in-person meetings would pose imminent risks to the health of attendees; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Community Policing Advisory Board firmly believes that the community's health and safety seriously and the community's right to participate in local government, are both critically important, and is committed to balancing the two by continuing to use teleconferencing to conduct public meetings, in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Community Policing Advisory Board will renew these (or similar) findings at least every thirty (30) days in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) until the state of emergency related to COVID-19 has been lifted, or the Community Policing Advisory Board finds that in-person meetings no longer pose imminent risks to the health of attendees, whichever is occurs first.

# OPD Monthly Report

In an effort to ensure more effective data-gathering and more efficient use of CPAB meeting time, the CPAB has created a process by which you will submit, on a monthly basis, updates from your community policing projects and strategies. These updates will be reviewed and discussed by the CPAB and will offer an avenue for more targeted and efficient dialogue. Please submit your responses to the questions below.

\* **Required**

## 1) **Full Name and Title \***

Officer Aaron Johnson, Police Area 4 Special Resources Section



## 2) **Relevant OPD Crime Statistics with Explanation \***

2349 Humboldt Ave has been a blight problem in the neighborhood since 2017. There was a fire at the residence in 2017, and it was subsequently red tagged by the city of Oakland. I was made aware of this during an inspection with The City of Oakland Code Enforcement Inspector Travis Ha.

Since then through many complaints from citizens in the neighborhood, I have been informed that this residence is used for squatting since the fire in 2017. There have been many calls for service including the following:

-246PC (Shooting at Inhabited Dwelling)

-415SS (Shot spotter incidents)

-There have been numerous 415 disturbance calls about the residence.

-Recently a male was arrested due to him occupying a vehicle that was involved in a shooting (investigation in progress)

-I have been contacted by numerous citizens advising of the stripping of vehicles in the front yard of the property.

There was another fire at the property the 3rd week of May.

### **3) Community Policing Projects and Updates**

24X 2349 Humboldt Ave. Project was opened on 05/06/22

CRO- Ofc A. Johnson 9580

Supervisor: Sgt. R. Johnson 8383

Background:

The subsequent project was opened on May 06, 2022, due to various neighbor complaints. The complaints included noise complaints and the above listed in the relevant crimes section.

Officer Johnson the Area 4 Community Resource Officer utilized the SARA problem-solving method which included meetings with stakeholders, partnership with community organizations and groups, site evaluation and outreach efforts.

Identification cleanup, board up, and fencing of the property ended on September 22, 2022.

The issues were identified as:

-The blight the residence was causing

-Pervasive criminal activity.

-Excessive amounts of waste/garbage/debris.

-Proximity of the rear of the residence backs up to the creek which is the City of Oakland's property.

-The illegal parking of stripped, abandoned vehicles in the front yard of the residence which are then being dumped on the street. The residents do this make room to strip additional cars they drive onto the property.

- After an assessment of the area, Ofc. Johnson made contact with the City of Oakland code enforcement inspector Travis Ha.
- Ofc. Johnson towed numerous vehicles parked on the street in front of the residence.
- Officer Johnson participated with the following agencies tasked with the cleanup of the property; Oakland's Public Works Department ("OPW"), Oakland Fire Department ("OFD"), the City Administrator's Office ("CAO"), and additional civil agencies.
- Assist Public Works and the Encampment Management Team to successfully clean, board up and fence up the property.

**4) Please provide data on the number of non-emergency 911 calls that were successfully diverted to community partners or alternative first responders.**

The alternative first responders were not able to assist with this project.

**5) Please indicate areas in which the CPAB can support, and engage NCPCs and block level ambassadors in supporting, community policing strategies and initiatives.**

Even though the property has been cleared of all squatters and fenced off, it should be noted the at the property is still unmanaged. Due to Ofc. Johnson and other city departments not being able to contact the owner of the property squatters could possibly return.

**6) Please feel free to share any other updates, areas of progress, concerns or complaints**

The area that is not fenced off is city property. That pathway is street access to the creek behind the houses.











# Memo

February 1, 2023

To: Community Policing Advisory Board

From: Araina Richards and Angela Moore  
Neighborhood Services Supervisors  
City Administrator's Office, Neighborhood Services Division

cc: Joe DeVries, Deputy City Administrator  
Neighborhood Service Coordinators (NSCs)  
Police Services Technicians (PSTs)

Subject: Monthly report from Neighborhood Services Division (NSD)

## **Successful Community Partnership**

- Old Oakland wants to revive the Old Oakland Neighborhood Council. Crime is occurring and the merchants, as well as the residents, want City services.
- NSC plans to advertise on City Website that Old Oakland has a vacant chair position.
- Eneri Chui of EBALC, former chair for 3Y and Forest Gee of Metro Bay Realty, referred me to a professional graphic designer, John Sutherland to design the beats recruitment flier for Old Oakland. The chair will be sending out the flier to all NC members on the beat.
- 2X/5X NSC is working with GoPort, Next Steps Marketing, to provide outreach information to the community about the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Grade Separation East Project. This will improve truck and car access to the Port of Oakland. A new pedestrian and bicycle pathway will improve community access.
- 8X NSC is partnering with several city departments, OPD, the Mayor, and Councilmember Fife to deal with the crime and complaints from the merchants at Broadway & Valdez Street.
- 8X the community will be partnering with a local high school for the students to build a tiny home in the Northgate tiny home community.
- 18Y The NSC has been working with a small group of neighbors to find new leadership. In the meantime, the NSC has been helping the neighbors with clean-ups and other projects.

The NSC continues to partner with the Carmen Recreation Center, Rainbow Recreation Center and Ascend School on a variety of projects within the community.

- The Melrose Neighborhood Council had their first Holiday Parade. The NSC, NC chair, OPD, OFD, and some Fremont High School students rode on the Fire rig through the neighborhood singing Christmas carols, passing out bags of treats to the children, and of course, there were stops to allow the children to take pictures with Santa.
- The Melrose NC partnered with Public Works in another successful Bulky Block Party event. Neighbors were able to bring large items to be discarded at a central location on the beat. Melrose invited the Rainbow NC & the Maxwell Park NC to make this a joint success.
- The Neighborhood Council's in beat 30X and 30Y worked with Excess Litter Free (ELF) team and other neighborhood stakeholders to host another successful clean-up on the Bancroft Median.
- On December 17<sup>th</sup> the Elmhurst Library hosted a Neighborhood Pop-up party, sponsored by the Community Policing Advisory Board. Neighborhood families ate catered food, met library and City staff, and heard about their Beat 33X/34X Neighborhood Council. The Pop-up also allowed for a discussion around concerns and hopes neighbors have for their area.

### **Beats with challenging projects**

- The Mattress Guy's vacant building is being scheduled for demolition by Public Works.
- North and West Oakland need closures of Homeless Encampments in the neighborhoods.
- Merchants would like help in eliminating the overwhelming amount of crime plaguing their businesses.
- In Beat 19X the residents are working on a place where information can be advertised in one central location for easier access.
- Residents on beat 29 are concerned with traffic concerns. Excessive speed, running stop signs and lights are an everyday occurrence. They are starting a neighborhood campaign on this issue.
- NSC is creating a client centered community engagement effort by inviting mothers to join each other at the Carmen Flores Recreation Center. Moms can come together and enjoy coffee while discussing issues of concern within the minority communities.
- The Neighborhood Council in police beat 32X is working on an educational program to encourage neighbors to remove their empty trash cans from the street in a timely manner in order to beautify their neighborhood.

### **Community Project (Complete or in Progress)**

- In Beat 7X the scheduled closure of Fitzgerald Encampment did not happen in December. (ongoing)

- In beat 2X/5X the residents would like the railroad tracks removed from 7<sup>th</sup> Street & Union and a lined crosswalk. (on-going)
- In Beat 19X the residents want better lighting at Clinton Park. (on-going)
- In the Fruitvale, the NSC would like to establish a resource center for the residents and merchants. (on-going)
- In Beat 30X, the NC is currently working to install large planter boxes in their neighborhood as a part of a very generous donation received from the Neighborhood Council in police beat 9X. (on-going)

- **NSD/PST Block Level Update**

- December 1, 2022, attended an apartment safety presentation at 215 W. MacArthur Blvd. 30 people in attendance.
- December 13, 2022, attended a meeting with the City of Oakland Business Development to offer recommendations/changes after a CPTED was completed.
- December 13, 2022, attended a Temescal Business District meeting with the local businesses.
- December 15, 2022, performed a safety walk/CPTED on Alma Place with residents to discuss sideshows and reckless driving.
- December 17, 2022, did outreach to advertise Neighborhood Services at a Eunice Law Christmas event at 9175 Edes Avenue.
- December 19, 2022, hosted the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee Zoom meeting. This was attended by 50+ residents. MACRO was the guest speaker for the evening.
- January 3, 2023, CPTED inspection/Rockridge Library, 5366 College Avenue.

### **Neighborhood Services Team Project**

On December 22, 2022, the entire Neighborhood Services Team partnered with the Oakland Police Department and other City/County agencies at the first annual Toys for the Town event. Neighborhood Services had three stations, a photo booth, arts and crafts, and the Reindeer Toss game. Kids, and all those that wanted to be a kid on that day, got plenty of sweet treats and fun activities from our office. We look forward to doing it again!!! **(Please see our attached photos)**













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## **Oakland Speaks**

A Project to Bring Conflict Resolution + De-escalation Tools, Techniques, and Resources to ALL of Oakland

### **The Goal**

To reduce violent crime in Oakland by embracing conflict resolution and de-escalation techniques as Oakland's shared community language. By reducing crime and violence through the power of our individual and collective words and actions, the **Oakland Speaks** project looks to save lives and transform a negative perception into a positive reality.

### **The Vision**

The **Oakland Speaks** project seeks to bring peace to our streets, as well as to our own homes and hearts, by inviting ANYONE and EVERYONE in Oakland to share conflict resolution and de-escalation tools, techniques, and resources and to learn new skills.

### **Project Components**

The **Oakland Speaks** project has three main components:

#### **1) A Public Awareness Campaign**

We look to create awareness and understanding of the many benefits of learning conflict resolution and de-escalation skills. The **Oakland Speaks** public awareness campaign would look to create demand and whet the public appetite for simple solutions and accessible skills that anyone can embrace to address violent crime and to feel safer and more able to navigate difficult situations.

#### **2) A Resource Repository**

A wide variety of culturally appropriate, easily accessible, downloadable resources would be made available to the public for free. Anyone looking to support this effort would be a simple click away from informative and empowering posters, handouts, videos, research studies, tip sheets, pamphlets, wallet cards, basic trainings, and more.

#### **3) A Network of Partner Organizations**

For anyone seeking to dive deeper into these conversations and skill-sets, experienced and respected partner agencies stand ready to offer a range of more advanced trainings as well as certification programs in conflict resolution, non-violent communication, and de-escalation techniques.

### **Project History**

The **Oakland Speaks** project is one of the winning entries in the Reducing Violent Crime category from the 2022 Oakland My City Challenge. This innovative partnership of The GOVLAB Northeastern University; the City of Oakland; Burnes Center for Social Innovation, Northeastern University; Mills College; and the Oakland Fund for Public Innovations (OFPI) received over 260 entries crafted to address the City of Oakland's three most pressing issues - reducing violent crime, garbage/illegal dumping, and unhoused residents/homelessness.

The creator and project architect behind **Oakland Speaks**, Ana-Marie Jones, is an Oakland resident, author, keynote speaker, and a longtime executive director with decades of experience creating

successful tools, programs, and resources to support and empower our most diverse and vulnerable communities.

### **Opportunities for Leverage**

The **Oakland Speaks** project is a unique, non-threatening, apolitical approach to the current and pressing concern of violent crime. By intentionally staying clear of the rhetoric surrounding law enforcement activities, by creating culturally appropriate materials tailored to our diverse communities, and by eliminating the hurdles associated with effective public engagement — virtually any individual, business, faith agency, or civic-minded group can readily embrace this project -- thus allowing for significant public and private buy-in.

Several large Bay Area employers will likely seek to partner with this initiative, as they have significant exposure to violence - both through their employees and their activities with the general public. This includes companies such as PG&E, BART, Kaiser Permanente, as well as the City of Oakland and the County of Alameda.

Whether baristas or babysitters, Lyft or Uber drivers, civil servants or senior executives in our top corporations, with the **Oakland Speaks** project, virtually anyone in Oakland can easily participate and help to create a community with less violence and more positive and empowered communication.

### **Investment Requested**

An initial investment of \$50,000 is needed for start-up activities for the **Oakland Speaks** project. These start-up dollars will be used to secure the initial time and involvement of the project creator, host a convening of critical subject matter partner agencies, support the development of a more complete proposal, as well as host initial meetings with other potential funders and investors.

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Ana-Marie Jones

1-27-23