

SOCIAL MEDIA POST:

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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NEWSLETTERS OR WEBSITES:

Do you want to help oversee the Oakland Police Department?

Apply to be on the Police Commission, which is changing OPD policies and overseeing police discipline. It takes significant time in meetings, meeting prep, and committee work, but you can help bring fair and just policing to Oakland communities.

Commissioners must be over 18 and live in Oakland. They cannot be police officers or City employees. A high school diploma is not required, and formerly incarcerated people are encouraged to apply.

Applications are due by May 31.

To apply, go to www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission, where you can also find more information about the Police Commission. You can watch videos of past meetings, find out about upcoming meetings, and learn about City Code Section 604, which describes the powers and responsibilities of the Police Commission.

If you have any questions, please call 510-368-5598 between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm any day of the week.

EMAIL FOR MAYOR:

Subject: Time to apply for the Police Commission

Dear Mayor Thao:

It's time for interested community members to apply to be on the Police Commission! The deadline for applications is May 31. Will you help us spread the word?

If you have a newsletter, web page, or social media account, please consider posting something like this:

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Sample text for longer announcements is attached.

If you have any questions, please call Lorelei Bosserman at 510-368-5598 between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm or email her at loirelei.bosserman@gmail.com.

Thank you!

EMAIL FOR CITY COUNCIL:

Subject: Time to apply for the Police Commission

Dear City Council members and staff:

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EMAIL TO ORGS:

Hello,

It's time for people to apply to be on the Oakland Police Commission! Are you interested in being on the commission? Can you think of someone you know who would be a good commissioner? Will you help us spread the word?

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Please forward this message to your organization's members and anyone else you think might be interested. If you would like someone to give a 5-minute presentation at a meeting, or if you have any questions, please call 510-368-5598 between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm, any day of the week.

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The Police Commission was created by Oakland voters in 2016. It has the power to fire police officers who violate policy, and it has the power to rewrite the policies. The work is hard, it takes a lot of time, and it is unpaid. It requires working with people you disagree with. You could face criticism from many quarters. But you can help bring fair and just policing to Oakland communities.

The selection panel is looking for diversity and encouraging people from impacted communities to apply.

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Thanks in advance for anything you can do to get the word out!