



CITY of OAKLAND | POLICE COMMISSION

250 FRANK H. OGAWA PLAZA, SUITE 6302 • OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94612

September 28, 2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OAKLAND, CA – At a time when Oakland is grappling with surging crime, it is deeply troubling to witness a disgruntled minority group of Police Commissioners undermining the mission of the Police Commission with political maneuver this evening.

Three remaining mayoral appointees on the Commission have announced their intention to boycott tonight's Commission meeting and the following meeting in an attempt to obstruct the work that the community and the mayor have been so passionately demanding. This is a continuing pattern by these Commissioners to the detriment of the people of Oakland who are demanding both public safety *and* police reform.

These same Police Commissioners have conspicuously missed several meetings in an attempt to deprive the commission of quorum, jeopardizing the timely selection of a new City of Oakland Police Chief, among other important actions.

These actions have the potential to create lasting consequences for the residents, businesses, and visitors of Oakland, and jeopardizes public safety and the sustainability of civilian oversight initiatives far beyond. Oakland residents and businesses are struggling and fleeing our city out of understandable fear. Ultimately, this dereliction of duty and questionable conduct is unbecoming of individuals entrusted with the responsibility of being Police Commissioners.

We foresaw this disruption and attempt to shut down Commission business and had backup plans in place to make sure we can still hear from the public. The town hall will proceed as scheduled tonight at 6:30 PM at City Hall. We remain dedicated to carrying out the people's business.

###