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DEFUND POLICE COALITION RESPONDS TO REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Defund Oakland Police Coalition urges City Council to find ways to reallocate funding from police to community programs and services that support Oakland's working families. Of the 114 recommendations proposed by the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force, we **STRONGLY SUPPORT** the following:

ALTERNATE RESPONSES PROGRAMS & INVESTMENTS

- Fund/create community hotlines and transfer 911 call center out of OPD (#58)
- Expand existing community ambassador program frameworks & create a civilian community ambassadors program to respond to nonviolent, non-mental health incidents (#60)
- Dissolve the OPD homeless outreach unit and reinvest in mobile street outreach (#61)
- Reinvest the housing authority police budget through participatory budgeting (#62)
- Stop enforcement of laws that criminalize sex trade between consenting adults (#66)
- Provide a public health response to addiction/substance abuse (#65)
- Expand restorative justice diversion for youth and young adults (#69)
- Make all Oakland community colleges free for local residents (#81)
- Immediately make long-term investment in MACRO (#57)
- Repeal laws criminalizing homelessness and poverty (#64)
- Expand and fund existing harm reduction services (#71)
- Establish a restorative justice web of support (#67)
- Provide more comprehensive reentry support (#68)
- Transform unused vacant lots (#79)
- Move most traffic enforcement to OakDOT (#59)
- Invest in gender-based violence prevention
 - Increase funding for gender-based violence prevention (#74) & response services (#72)
 - Expand flexible funding for survivors of gender-based violence (#73)



OPD ORGANIZATION & CULTURE

- Create an Oakland specific crowd control ordinance (#1)
- Demilitarize police department (#43)
- Renegotiate OPOA MOU in 2021 instead of 2024 (#44)

LEGAL & POLICY BARRIERS

- Cap OPD overtime (#89)
- Commit \$8 million set-aside funds to Task Force recommendations (#90)
- Engage community to amend Measure Z (#91)
- Establish public works street team/custodial stewards (#95)
- Reimagine community safety hub in Oakland under Department of Community Safety (#s 36 and 97)
- Create school-site based violence prevention and crisis intervention teams (#109)
- Create a civilian Department of Cannibus, invest in equitable development of the cannibus industry, and lower the cannibus business tax (#s 111-113)
- Accountability #1 (qualified immunity) (#137)
- Accountability #4 (review misconduct for lateral transfers) (#140)
- Invest in community workers and violence interrupters (#144)
- Eliminate country court and jail fees & provide stipend for re-entry (#145)
- Address food insecurity (#147)

BUDGET DATA & ANALYSIS

- Implementing a second phase of Reimagining Public Safety (#47)
- Reallocate and reinvest funds from the OPD budget into other areas that increase public safety (#50)
- Build on the Task Force's guiding principle #2 (#52)

The Defund Coalition **STRONGLY OPPOSES** the following recommendations:

-  Create a law enforcement mutual aid plan for 21st c. public safety operations (#4)
-  Give neighborhoods power to determine level of housing patrols (#63)
-  Initiate a part-time sworn officer pilot program (#87)

“The Defund Oakland Police Coalition is excited about the many recommendations presented by the Task Force that offer real opportunities to shift, reimagine, and evolve the way Oakland thinks about and implements public safety. After five years, the voices of Oaklanders are finally being heard. This matters not just for Oakland, but for the country. For well over a decade, Oakland has been America’s vanguard for criminal justice reform. As we go, so does the nation.”

— Cat Brooks,
co-founder of the
Anti Police-Terror
Project and
Executive Director
of the Justice
Teams Network