



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE  
(REGULAR MEETING)**

**Meeting Minutes (Draft)**

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

6:00 PM

Via Teleconference

---

**1. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Co-Chairs Councilmember Bas and Councilmember Taylor.

The meeting began at 6:03pm.

**Task Force members present:** Anne Marks, David Kakishiba, Antoine Towers, Brooklyn Williams, Mariano Contreras, Keisha Henderson, Reygan Cunningham, James Burch, Pat Kernighan, Brenda Roberts, Carol Wyatt, Ginale Harris, Nikki Dinh, Ivan Garcia, Losaline Moa, Gus Newport and John Jones III.

**Task Force members absent:** None.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The draft meeting minutes of October 14, 2020 were approved by: Anne Marks, David Kakishiba, Antoine Towers, Brooklyn Williams, Mariano Contreras, Keisha Henderson, Reygan Cunningham, James Burch, Pat Kernighan, Brenda Roberts, Carol Wyatt, Ginale Harris, Nikki Dinh, Ivan Garcia, Losaline Moa, and Gus Newport. John Jones III abstained.

**3. Opening Remarks**

The Co-Chairs and Co-Facilitators provided opening remarks. Councilmember Taylor announced a coalition of community organizations would be hosting a Peace Parade beginning at 12pm on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 98<sup>th</sup> and International Boulevard. Councilmember Bas stated that all feedback from Task Force and Advisory Board members is heard and being taken into account so that Task Force and Advisory Board meetings can be improved on an ongoing basis. Brooklyn Williams suggested that the Task Force develop a longer-term planning process for implementation of the goals/recommendations put forward by the Task Force, looking beyond next spring. Co-Facilitator Anand Subramanian with PolicyLink shared ways in which the community can be involved, such as through a community survey, three community listening sessions, and a general email address: [OaklandRPSTF@policylink.org](mailto:OaklandRPSTF@policylink.org). Anand also described the request for proposals (RFP) issued by PolicyLink to contract with base-building organizations to help engage, collect, assess and share the perspectives of directly-impacted people most effected by policing or public safety in Oakland.

**4. Advisory Board Report-Outs**

Task Force members who are also Co-Chairs to one of the Advisory Boards – Reygan Cunningham (OPD Organization & Culture), David Kakishiba (Budget Data and Analysis), James Burch (Alternate Responses, Programs and Investments) and Nikki Dinh (Legal and Policy Barriers and Opportunities) – shared updates about the meetings and progress of their Advisory Boards to date. Task Force members also shared concerns regarding lack of inclusion and communication about their assignment to an Advisory

**CITY OF OAKLAND  
REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE  
(REGULAR MEETING)**

**Meeting Minutes (Draft, continued)**

**Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

6:00 PM

Via Teleconference

---

Board and late timing of invitations, the Co-Chairs and Co-Facilitators committed to improve these processes going forward.

**5. Review of Framework Question 1 Responses and any Additions**

Co-Facilitator David Muhammad of the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform shared the responses and ideas provided by the Task Force members so far to Framework Question 1: *What activities/functions should the Oakland Police Department (OPD) do less of or no longer do? What should OPD specifically continue to do-/where are officers' time best spent?* Task Force members were asked if they have anything to add to the list or if there is any feedback that hasn't been captured, and the group discussed additional items and recommendations to add to the list for Question 1. Mr. Muhammad stated that the summary of these responses and the early drafts of recommendations would be sent to the Task Force members in about a week.

**6. Discussion of Framework Question 2**

The Task Force discussed Framework Question 2: *What community-based services or other government agency programs should be implemented specifically to replace or be an alternative to the reduced or eliminated police services?* Many Task Force members emphasized the importance of addressing the root causes of violence and poverty, emergency dispatch training and protocols, prioritization of police response to different scenarios as well as the type of response (police or non-police), and under-investment in community-based interventions, among other issues and ideas.

**7. Open Forum**

There were four (4) total public speakers for open forum.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.