

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the City of Oakland Budget Advisory Commission (BAC) is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM.**

**Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, all members of the Budget Advisory Commission will join the meeting via phone/video conference and no teleconference locations are required.**

### **Commission Members:**

Ken Benson, Margaret Grimsley, John McKenna, Kasheica McKinney, Caitlin Prendiville, Sarah Price, Michael Silk, Marchon Tatmon, Reisa Jaffe, Dahvie James and Mark Sawicki

### **City's Representative(s):**

Ecaterina Burton & Tiffany Kirkpatrick – *Finance Department*

### **Meeting Agenda:**

1. Administrative Matters [10 minutes]
  - Welcome & Attendance
  - Resignation of Dahvie James
2. Commissioners' protocol [10 minutes]
  - Onboarding information & Status of Oaths
  - Roster Update
3. Revenue Analysis: Presentation by Margaret O'Brien, Revenue & Tax Administrator, and Rogers Agaba, Asst. Revenue & Tax Administrator (30 Minutes)

#### Old Business

4. Update Ad-Hoc Committee on Police Overtime; Presentation of recommendation by Reisa Jaffe and guests Caitlin Tullock and Joe Mente (from RPSTF Advisory Board) (30 minutes)

#### New Business

5. Agenda Items for next Meeting
6. Open Forum [5 minutes]
7. Adjournment

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Topic: Meeting of the City of Oakland Budget Advisory Commission (BAC)

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Request for agenda item:

Review recommendations from OPD Budget/Staffing workgroups RPSTF to create a BAC recommendation for mid-cycle budget review

From: Margaret Grimsley and Reisa Jaffe

Language for an action:

Vote to make a formal recommendation to implement Recommendation #4 of the OPD Budget/Staffing Advisory Board from RPSTF.

Agenda Justification:

The BAC ordinance states, "The Budget Advisory Commission (hereafter "the Commission") shall report regularly to the Finance and Management Committee on topics deemed important to the fiscal health of the City, encouraging public participation and input into fiscal decision making, and improving the transparency and accountability of City fiscal information and decision making." In view of that it is important to address OPD statements that they have inadequate resources. Budget decisions and advice from the Commission have been made with limited data, which must be regularly and laboriously solicited from OPD, resulting in inadequate transparency and accountability.

The Budget Advisory Commission strongly recommends the implementation of these recommendations as soon as possible with any new funding to OPD being conditional to the inclusion of, at a minimum, these two items: Public Resource Allocation of Patrol Time, and Dedicated Standard Public Analyst Position.

## OPD Budget/Staffing Workgroup Recommendation # 4

**Recommendation:** We recommend streamlining and making public multiple forms of data from OPD budget and staffing to improve the ability to assess the effectiveness of OPD resource allocation.

**Why is this needed?** Oakland has done a lot of one off analysis, including this taskforce. We could make a *permanent* improvement by doing the following:

- Provide the number of units that respond to each call for service.
- Assign a permanent position (possibly from existing staff) exclusively dedicated to publishing a consistent and usable dataset for community analysis monthly.
- Designate an independent entity to review the types and format of the published data, and how it can be used by the community, meeting on a quarterly basis.

### Publish Resource Allocation of Patrol Time

In order to assess the effectiveness of OPD resource allocation, we need to be able to determine how those resources are being allocated. Given the largest area of headcount is in

patrol officers, we must look at the Calls for Service (CFS) data. OPD supplied a large set of call data for 2019. This provided a rich data source for the demand for resources, but OPD provided no way to determine how many officers responded to any given CFS.

#### Dedicated Standard Public Data Analyst Position

OPD should allocate a full time senior analyst *solely* focused on publishing *standardized* OPD data to the public. Having a full time position dedicated to publishing these datasets regularly would also reduce the distraction on other data analysts who focus on ad hoc requests. This position *shall not be used for any ad hoc information requests*. They shall be *solely* focused on sustainably publishing information to the public. This would allow the City Administration to *reduce* (although not eliminate) the overall resources required for ad hoc requests that often come out of various entities by standardizing the format and publishing schedule of the most frequent requests.

#### Permanent Public Data Oversight Entity

A **permanent** entity should be assigned to review on a **quarterly** cadence the data published on a **monthly** cadence. OPD *already* publishes several datasets on a (mostly) monthly basis through various channels, thus this would just be an extension of, and an official feedback channel for those processes. This entity shall have the authority to determine the type, format, and distribution channels of this monthly reporting. This permanent entity *must* include technical experts to assess the appropriateness of the disclosed data and format, and not just consist of elected officials. We encourage this entity to work in conjunction with consultants (with specific expertise on police staffing and performance data) as needed to audit and assess the efficacy of the goal of data transparency and performance indicators related to the data.

[Detailed Information on This Recommendation](#)