

# ONE OAKLAND COMMUNITY SAFETY

The **City of Oakland** is united as **One Oakland** in working to not only solve crimes when they occur, but to prevent them from happening.

Under Mayor Thao, the City of Oakland has taken several steps to strengthen community safety and prevent crime:

#### **Secured State Partnership.**

Partnered with Governor Newsom and the California Highway Patrol to expand community safety strategies underway in the City, leading to the deployment of CHP officers to assist in traffic enforcement along high injury corridors in Oakland.

#### **Strengthening Ceasefire.**

Initiated a comprehensive audit of the Ceasefire Initiative, a partnership between the Oakland Police Department, the Department of Violence Prevention, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations. This is an initiative focused on reducing violent crime.

#### **Funding for 6 police academies over the next two years,**

increasing the number of officers from an average of approximately 700 last fiscal year to a projected average of over 730 in this fiscal year. There are more officers in uniform today than at any time over the past 3 years.

#### **Collaboration with Oakland Unified School District and community partners**

to improve school safety by embedding violence interruption and intervention teams in OUSD high schools.

#### **Working with the business community**

to identify specific strategies including use of environmental design to prevent crime.

#### **Human trafficking and gun violence.**

Communities with high incidents of human trafficking have higher incidents of gun violence, leaving residents and nearby residents vulnerable.

Mayor Thao's Office is working with law enforcement agencies, community leaders and elected officials to launch a Mayor's Advisory council on human trafficking to address and prevent human trafficking.

#### **Secured Funding for Technology.**

Secured \$1.2 million in state funding to accelerate the purchase and installation of automated license plate readers

#### **Reinvested in traffic divisions and foot patrols.**

Dedicated 8 sworn staff to foot patrol and 7 sworn staff dedicated to traffic units.

#### **Expansion of MACRO.**

More than doubled investment in Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO), civilian responders to non-violent, non-emergency calls to free up police officers.

#### **Preserved funding for the Department of Violence Prevention**

to assist in its mission to help intervention and prevention of violent crime, facilitating healing and disrupting the cycle of violence and adding 12 new staff members. Preserved funding for key positions in DVP, including violence interrupters (individuals impacted by gun violence who serve as credible messengers); gender-based violence specialists; and life coaches.

#### **Triangle Incident Response.**

24/7 real-time, coordinated crime scene response to reduce retaliatory group/gang-related violence; lessen the levels of trauma suffered by individuals, families and community members; and improve police-community relations.

#### **Community Safety Ambassadors.**

Worked with the City Council to provide \$1 million a year for safety ambassadors, who have been deployed in key business corridors to deter commercial crimes and improve safety for small businesses.