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Oakland Police Commission Unanimously Votes to Ratify OPD's New Use of Force Policy

OAKLAND, Calif. (September 20, 2021): On September 16, 2021, the Oakland Police Commission unanimously ratified an updated Use of Force Policy that it developed throughout calendar year 2020 and first passed on October 8, 2020.

A years-long effort undertaken in partnership with community leaders, the Commission's new policy has completed the final step of negotiating impacts on the working conditions of sworn officers. Now, with the Commission's approval of bargained language, the new, stricter Use of Force standard is ready to be trained and implemented. The official title of the policy is "Department General Order" or "DGO" K-3.

When the Commission passed this policy in October of 2020, it celebrated a new milestone toward transforming policing in Oakland. As the Commission shared at that time, this policy was the product of countless hours of hard work by our volunteer Commissioners, spearheaded by an Ad Hoc Committee made up of Commissioners Ginale Harris, Tara Anderson and Henry Gage III, as well as several engaged members of the public and community partners. The Commission will maintain the Ad Hoc's Use of Force policy webpage as a public resource and useful case study going forward.

(Link: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/opd-use-of-force-policy-ad-hoc-committee>)

Chair Regina Jackson stated of the ratification vote; "This Use of Force policy prioritizes de-escalation and preservation of life. That's because Oakland expects the Police Commission to set a higher standard in Oakland and to hold the Police Department accountable to national constitutional standards for policing. Our work continues."

The Commission again extends its thanks and appreciation to the community of Oakland residents who work alongside the Commission to make achievements like this one possible.