



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, March 3, 2021  
6:00 PM  
Via Teleconference**

**Board Membership:**

Chair, Creighton Davis (Mayoral), Vice Chair, Colette McPherson (Dist. 2),  
Paula Hawthorn (Dist. 1), Carol Wyatt (Dist. 3), Ravinder Singh (Dist. 4),  
Jorge Lerma (Dist. 5), Donald Dalke (Dist. 6), Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7),  
Art Douglas Blacksher (At Large), Nancy Sidebotham (NW),  
Geraldine Wong (NW), Daniel Ettlinger (OUSD), Ericka Parker (OHA),  
Yonas Gebremicael (Mayoral), Vacant (Mayoral)

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and the organization they are representing, if any.*

- 1. CPAB + Neighborhood Council Issues Town Hall – 6:00pm – 7:00pm  
OPD Response + Alternative Strategies to Addressing Sideshows -  
Discussion + Brainstorm on the Issue of Sideshows**
- 2. Open Forum - 7:00 - 7:10pm**
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes - 7:10 - 7:15pm**
  - a) January 6, 2021
  - b) February 3, 2021
- 4. OPD Report - 7:15 - 7:40pm**
- 5. NSC Report - 7:40 - 8:00pm**
- 6. Update: OUSD Outreach - 8:00 - 8:10pm**
- 7. Update: Ad Hoc Committee with Berkeley Law Students - 8:10 -  
8:20pm**
- 8. Agenda Building and Staff Report - 8:20 - 8:30pm**



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**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

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Via Teleconference

**Present:** Chair, Creighton Davis (Mayoral), Vice Chair, Colette McPherson (Dist. 2), Paula Hawthorn (Dist. 1), Ravinder Singh (Dist. 4), Jorge Lerma (Dist. 5), Donald Dalke (Dist. 6), Art Douglas Blacksher (At Large), Nancy Sidebotham (NW), Geraldine Wong (NW), Daniel Ettlinger (OUSD), Ericka Parker (OHA),

**Excused:** Carol Wyatt (Dist. 3),

**Absent:** Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7), Yonas Gebremicael (Mayoral)

**1. Open Forum: 1 Public Speaker Assata Olugbala**

Participant Olugbala says that the City of Oakland needs to do better

Chair Member Blackshear recounts the horror of the capital storming and the double standard.

Chair Member Ettlinger states that community policing is so important right now especially with what we have seen in the capital.

**2. Approval of DRAFT Meeting Minutes:**

November 4, 2020 – Motion made by BM Singh, seconded by BM Lerma  
All approved

**3. Oakland Police Department Updates:**

Captain Mendoza attended as a stand in for DC Armstrong.  
Captain Bolton discussed the crime report and year-end Crime Stats  
Highest increase in crime guns  
Increase in violent crimes  
Increase in violent arrests

**CRO Updates**

Officer Lopez provides insight on a Community Project that involved a homeless encampment being constructed on the tennis courts. She faced opposition from homeless advocates. She was able to fence off the courts to limit access to the courts. The courts are being renovated and there other improvements to the area. Project is still in progress.

Chair Davis – The CPAB would like to make an impact with community engagement and wants to know what resources that Officer Lopez needs to move the homeless advocates.

BM Dalke asks how the community got involved or was the initiative created by a government city group?

Officer Lopez informs that it was actually the community complaints that started this movement.

Captain Bolton provided insight on reductions to OPD's budget and their impacts on CRO's & CRT's. 8 Officer's were reassigned as a result.

#### **4. Neighborhood Services Updates**

Neighborhood Services Supervisor Felicia provided an overview of the Department. There has been an additional retirement reducing staff to 7. On Monday, January 11, 2021 Neighborhood Services will officially be housed in the City Administrator's office.

#### **5. Town Hall Recap / Discussion of Takeaways and Feedback**

Board members provided their perspective on the recent townhall.

#### **6. Agenda Building, Staff Report and CPAB Member Open Forum**

Staff reported on upcoming openings on the Board.

#### **7. Meeting Adjourned:**

BM Dalke made a motion to adjourn, seconded by BM Ettlinger, all approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm



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**EXCUSED:** Paula Hawthorn (Dist. 1)

**ABSENT:** Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7)

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**1. Open Forum - 6:00 - 6:10**

Assata Olugbala-City Council Lawsuit for Former Police Chief, Neighborhood Service Providers, Article about CROs sexting

**2. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes- 6:10-6:15**

Chair Davis motions to approve minutes and Board Member Lerma seconds. All present approve the motion

**3. OPD Report – 6:15 - 6:45**

Captain Bolton and Community Resource Officer Max D’Orso

Discussed the purpose and strategy behind #OPD Cares

Captain Bolton-Rotating presentations to each of Oakland’s five police areas

Captain Basset - Area 3, Beats 15th-22nd, Stats for last year: increase in homicides 57%, increase in shooting 106%, decrease in robberies 5%, decrease in burglaries 20%. Officers D’Orso and his team recovered 115 firearms, issued 18 illegal casino citations. Increase in violence associated with gambling.

Chair Davis- What exactly do the CRT’s and CRO’s do and what are their jurisdictions?

Captain Basset - CROs are assigned beats to provide patrol presence. CRT’s aren’t assigned beats; they provide support in communities.

Officer D’Orso – CRO’s wears a lot of different hats, they juggle resources to try and address issues in the community. There was a citywide focus by the CRO’s to provide focus on the Lakeshore project. Issues were drug use, illegal vending, not following social distancing guidelines, loud music, illegal parking, and large congregation of groups.

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OPD traffic section helped to maintain some order and tried to solve some of these problems on Lakeshore. The Oakland City Code Enforcement team put together an initiative that included an educational approach and then punitive measures. Only two arrests were made during the entire project succeeding in its goal of educating instead of punishing.

Board Member Ettlinger - Was this an NCPC driven project? How do we take a project like this and move it over to East Oakland?

Officer D'Orso - This project was amazing because it established much more understanding with who and what the community needs and wants. This project was an NCPC driven detail/project. This project is very applicable to be taken in every place in Oakland all that is needed to for officers to understand the community

Board Member Blackshear - What was exactly the area breakdown for the Lakeshore project?

Captain Bolton - This project was an extremely collaborative project that spanned Areas 2 and 3. The goals of this detail should be viewed through an equity lens for all and the movement created by this project is ongoing.

Board Member Dalke - Can you explain the racial equity issues and solutions?

Captain Bolton -There are active efforts that are ongoing with many different parts of the OPD to find solutions. An effort to this solution was the creation of the vending pilot project that actually took the points of views from the community.

Director DeVries - We quickly understood their situation and found that it was an economic issue, so using the CAREs Act money we developed a pilot program to give them legitimacy. By week 5 of this program we had about 95% of the illegal vendors had become licensed vendors.

Board Member Gebremicael - How would we get those same resources to East Oakland as we did for the Lakeshore Project?

Captain Bolton - OPD is engaged in a 30-day operation in East Oakland for Firearm Violence.

Board Member Blackshear - Where is this violence stemming from?

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Captain Bolton - There are a broader spectrum of people who are willing to resolve issues with gun violence and other violent acts. There is also a pattern of violence that is starting to resurface from the homeless community.

Public Comment - 1 minute

Participant Assata Olugbala - Has extreme distrust with the actual effectiveness of the pilot program. She wants it to be checked by council.

Participant Tom Donovan - Hopes that city leadership can continue to provide funds to address problems all over the city.

**4. NSS Updates and NSC Report 6:45 - 7:30**

Update on NSS Transition to the City Administrator's Office  
Joe DeVries, Director Interdepartmental Operations

Director DeVries-The biggest thing for the Neighborhood Services is making sure that they have the tools that they need. The staff just voted on their name and their logo. The biggest concern that the Director has is the level of staff for the NSC. There is a strong interest in training for both old and new staff one of these trainings are the Race and Equity training. Another training opportunity is the city training service request system training – Oak 311. The director wants to respond to the communities with the greatest need not the loudest ones that must be a change.

CPAB and the NSC have two functions of communication of these can be better accomplished together. The police should be the last tool that the CPAB and the NSC should use to solve the community's problems.

There is a five for five pilot project in Area 5. This is a project that takes the CRO's and the NSC for Area 5 and identifies problems that are currently present in the community. This also creates connections with the CRO's and the NSC making it easier to target certain problems. As a city everyone should look at positive coordination as a core function,

Board Member Blackshear - Asks about the specific plan of the Director regarding the increase in gun violence that has plagued Oakland, and exactly what plan does the OPD have to address the violence?

Director DeVries - Is going to rely on wisdom of the frontline healers and the DVP to provide that backbone to the community to try and bring down the violence of these communities.

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Board Member Dalke - How is the coordination going to continue with Neighborhood Councils?

Director DeVries-States that use of this digital moment should be used to create participation for these meetings. This will lead to more opportunities for participation and a greater insight into problems. If there is a focus and coordination of Neighborhood Councils and with the new focus of the NSC's there are problems that may be talked about and solved before reaching the police.

**NSC Report  
Felicia Verdin, Neighborhood Services Supervisor**

Supervisor Verdin provided an overview of the report included in the meeting materials.

**5. Re-Imagining Public Safety Task Force Updates and Discussion**

CPAB Taskforce representative Carol Wyatt provided an update on the work of the RSPT.

**6. Winter/Spring NCPD Town Halls**  
Moved to march

**7. Berkeley Law + CPAB Pro Bono Partnership**

Chair Davis requested that an Ad Hoc committee be formed to work with the Law Students.

**8. Staff's Report and Agenda Building 8:20 - 8:30**

Chair Davis moves to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Board Member Ettliger

All present adjourn meeting @ 8:43pm

# OPD Monthly Report

In an effort to ensure more effective data-gathering and more efficient use of CPAB meeting time, the CPAB has created a process by which you will submit, on a monthly basis, updates from your community policing projects and strategies. These updates will be reviewed and discussed by the CPAB and will offer an avenue for more targeted and efficient dialogue. Please submit your responses to the questions below.

**\* Required**

## **1) Full Name and Title \***

Sergeant Eric Kim, Police Area 3 Special Resource Section

## **2) Relevant OPD Crime Statistics with Explanation \***

Please see Citywide and Police Area 3 Year-To-Date Crime Reports for the last available period. The significant decreases in residential burglaries, auto burglaries, and robberies in Area 3 continued from last year. It is noteworthy that most of our community was under a “stay-at-home” order for the entirety of the last quarter of 2020. The circumstances are thought to have decreased opportunities for these crime types, however, decreases have also correlated with numerous community policing SARA problem-solving projects which entailed site evaluations, tips, and targeted responses to trends by Community Resource Officers and Crime Reduction Team Officers.

The increase in violent crime when comparing this year against last is concerning for Area 3 and the city as a whole. Significant time and energy is expended by Area 3 Special Resource Officers to conduct investigations into criminal activity associated with unlawful firearm possession and violence. Additionally, Ceasefire responses and continued work between the OPD and judicial system stakeholders has occurred to help ensure that appropriate mechanisms of deterrence, custody decisions, charging, and rehabilitative efforts are leveraged when arrests for serious and violent crime occur. These services and decisions have been impacted by circumstances of COVID-19.

## **3) Community Policing Projects and Updates**

Project: 15X-20-002 – Lakeshore/Lake Merritt

CRO: Ofc. M. D’Orso 9274

Supervisor: Sgt. E. Kim 8822

### Background:

This project was opened on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 due to community concern, complaints, and citywide focus to solve issues in the Lakeshore corridor south of MacArthur Blvd. The issues were identified as:

- Large crowds with amplified music
- Unpermitted vending including alcohol and cannabis sales
- Traffic congestion and related public safety concerns with use of roadway/emergency response
- Illegal parking
- COVID-19 Health concerns and complaints

The illegal parking and traffic congestion on Lakeshore in past years had caused heavy traffic to the point that emergency vehicles were unable to use this main thoroughfare to respond to calls for service. This created a public safety issue which needed to be fixed due to the potential that ambulances, fire engines, and police vehicles would not be able to effectively respond to calls for service in the area to include emergencies.

Additionally, residents in the area voiced concerns regarding amplified music, smoke, and the health concerns it may cause for them.

The previously encountered issues were significantly added to with the arrival of the COVID19 pandemic. For the first few weeks, the shelter in place orders kept the area quiet for the most part, however once mid-late April came around all of the commonly seen issues were back with the addition of several others.

- A large portion of those gathering at the lake were choosing not to wear masks and calls were made to dispatch by residents who wanted enforcement on those not abiding by the shelter in place orders.
- Illegal vending was taking place on a large scale which was adding to the difficulty with regard to those in the area staying properly socially distanced.
- Feelings of hostility toward police following the incident in Minneapolis Minnesota made police presence and enforcement more difficult. The project prioritized the use of strategies to deescalate potential scenarios and find methods of problem-solving that were not reliant on OPD enforcement.

Services were provided in the following ways:

- Officers requested the assistance of the OPD traffic section to place cones or other traffic control devices all along the Western sidewalk on Lakeshore in problem areas from 1200 Lakeshore all the way up to MacArthur Blvd. The Department of Transportation partnered on the traffic control measures, placements, and methods. Signs were placed to bring extra attention to parking issues.

- This made it much easier to address illegal parking because for anyone to park illegally on that stretch of road, they needed to drive between the cones to get to a parking spot. This made parking violations fewer and further between and also improved the flow of traffic.
- Officers also shut down Lakeshore to through traffic during peak hours and remained at traffic control posts during these peak hours. This kept the area safe for the many pedestrians in the area and also ensured that emergency vehicles could easily travel through this stretch of road without delay when necessary.
- Officers also requested the assistance of parking enforcement to help with issuing parking citations all around the area of the lake. This was helpful so that officers could focus on positive engagements with the community, amplified music, and safety related violations.
- Officers communicated with Council Member Fortunato-Bas' office and a team of civilians was formed to walk around the lake on weekends and pass out free masks and educate on social distancing.
- A citywide taskforce was created to include Councilmember Fortunadeo-Bas and staff, OPD commanders, the City Administrator's Office, Parks and Recreation, Department of Transportation, Oakland Fire Department, and others. The taskforce also requested assistance from the Department of Race and Equity to help evaluate responses and problem-solving measures given complaints that focus on the Lake Merritt issues may be influenced or may be perceived to be influenced by racial bias.
- Illegal vending was handled by the city code enforcement team led by Ricardo Salas. Instead of officers confronting illegal vendors, an "education first" approach was taken by Salas and his team. Those who continued to illegally vend were issued citations from the city via mail. Community Resource Officers assisted in these efforts in ways that would mitigate police and community confrontation and risk.
- Eventually, a vending pilot was started by city officials to allow vending in specific areas of the park. This required additional traffic control on El Embarcadero which officers and additional PST's assigned to the Lakeshore detail added to their list of responsibilities. This development required the partnership of vendors and community members who met with taskforce representatives and helped to devise solutions and communicate the need for compliance.
- Large, illuminated signs were obtained from the city to remind those in the area of the most important guidelines to follow. The signs were placed at the most heavily traveled areas of Lakeshore and read something similar to: No amplified music, No illegal parking, Practice social distancing.
- For the duration of this project, each Saturday, and Sunday, as well as holidays, 4-8 officers were assigned from late morning into the night to ensure the safety of those in the area.

It should also be noted that only two arrests were made by officers assigned to this detail over the course of this year. One was a shooting which occurred around the corner from an officer assigned to the detail. The officer responded, engaged in a foot pursuit with the suspect, took the suspect into custody, and safely recovered a firearm. The other arrest occurred when assigned

officers were advised by citizens in the area and directed to an intoxicated individual who was unable to care for themselves. This person was arrested for being intoxicated in a public place. These results corroborate that the goal of this project and the goal of assigned officers was not to enforce, but to educate and to have positive interactions with community members as well as to provide a sense of comfort to those visiting the lake. The project considered and acknowledged that enforcement may result in racially disparate results. In line with OPD risk management practices, where a racial disparity may be predicted the project identified ways in which enforcement was not used as a consequence.

One of the main focuses of this project, aside from high visibility, was to give officers a chance to engage with community members. Although the environment surrounding policing across the country was turbulent to say the least, officers were able to have countless positive interactions with members of the public during this time. Interactions like this will only improve the relationship between the community and the police department.

**4) Please provide data on the number of non-emergency 911 calls that were successfully diverted to community partners or alternative first responders.**

Diversion programs are not yet in place.

**5) Please indicate areas in which the CPAB can support, and engage NCPCs and block level ambassadors in supporting, community policing strategies and initiatives.**

The relationship between NCPC's and like groups, block ambassadors, etc. could be improved upon by continuing to promote transparency and by improving upon the way we communicate and collaborate as a department. Open forums where uniformed officers can provide answers to real questions asked by community members and representatives. These forums could be created to build a bridge between the women and men of the police department and those who are distrustful. An emphasis would be placed on providing details on how and why certain things are done the way they are by OPD as well as reasons that they need to be done in this manner. This would be an opportunity to have the difficult conversations that everyone could benefit from if they are willing to have the conversation in a constructive manner.

**6) Please feel free to share any other updates, areas of progress, concerns or complaints**

None.



# Weekly Crime Report — Area 4

## 08 Feb. – 14 Feb., 2021

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b> <i>All totals include attempts except homicides.</i>	Weekly Total	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YTD % Change 2020 vs. 2021	3-Year YTD Average	YTD 2021 vs. 3-Year YTD Average
<b>Violent Crime Index</b> (homicide, aggravated assault, rape, robbery)	14	135	148	158	7%	147	7%
<b>Homicide – 187(a)PC</b>	-	2	1	1	0%	1	-25%
<b>Homicide – All Other *</b>	-	-	-	-	PNC	-	PNC
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	8	66	65	79	22%	70	13%
Assault with a firearm – 245(a)(2)PC	1	4	7	12	71%	8	57%
<b>Subtotal - Homicides + Firearm Assault</b>	1	6	8	13	63%	9	44%
Shooting occupied home or vehicle – 246PC	2	10	6	13	117%	10	34%
Shooting unoccupied home or vehicle – 247(b)PC	2	2	6	7	17%	5	40%
Non-firearm aggravated assaults	3	50	46	47	2%	48	-1%
<b>Rape</b>	-	2	2	1	-50%	2	-40%
<b>Robbery</b>	6	65	80	77	-4%	74	4%
Firearm	1	27	29	34	17%	30	13%
Knife	1	2	10	2	-80%	5	-57%
Strong-arm	1	21	34	26	-24%	27	-4%
Other dangerous weapon	-	3	1	3	200%	2	29%
Residential robbery – 212.5(a)PC	2	1	2	3	50%	2	50%
Carjacking – 215(a) PC	1	11	4	9	125%	8	13%
<b>Burglary</b>	3	155	151	59	-61%	122	-52%
Auto	2	102	104	35	-66%	80	-56%
Residential	1	41	27	13	-52%	27	-52%
Commercial	-	12	18	5	-72%	12	-57%
Other (Includes boats, aircraft, and so on)	-	-	2	5	150%	2	114%
Unknown	-	-	-	1	PNC	0	200%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	22	161	205	211	3%	192	10%
<b>Larceny</b>	10	111	166	94	-43%	124	-24%
<b>Arson</b>	1	2	2	7	250%	4	91%
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>-10%</b>

**THIS REPORT IS HIERARCHY BASED. CRIME TOTALS REFLECT ONE OFFENSE (THE MOST SEVERE) PER INCIDENT.**

These statistics are drawn from the Oakland Police Dept. database. They are unaudited and not used to figure the crime numbers reported to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. This report is run by the date the crimes occurred. Statistics can be affected by late reporting, the geocoding process, or the reclassification or unbounding of crimes. Because crime reporting and data entry can run behind, all crimes may not be recorded.

\* Justified, accidental, foetal, or manslaughter by negligence. Traffic collision fatalities are not included in this report.  
PNC = Percentage not calculated — [Percentage cannot be calculated.](#)  
All data extracted via Coplink Analytics.



## Memo

February 24, 2021

**To:** Community Policing Advisory Board

**From:** Felicia Verdin  
Community Programs Supervisor  
Neighborhood Services Division (NSD)

**CC:** Joe DeVries, Director, Interdepartmental Operations  
Neighborhood Service Coordinators (NSC)  
NSD, Police Service Technicians (PST)

**Subject:** Monthly report from NSD

### Successful community partnership/priorities

- There has been an ongoing and vital relationship in Beat 17 with Trybe, which is a community based organization that employs youth leaders from the area. Trybe also continues to provide valuable food/supplies deliveries for families in need among so many other culturally relevant resources and enrichment services to east Oakland families. Trybe has partnered with the beat 17/Bella Vista Neighborhood Council on numerous community events and projects, providing added incentives for youth of various backgrounds to engage and support neighborhood beautification efforts.
- During the last beat 33/34 community meeting we received complaints regarding an encampment located between the 8300-8500 block of E St. There were two large RV's parked in the area, a makeshift shed on a trailer, three large trailers filled with debris and several abandoned and stolen vehicles. Ofc. Armstead and Lopez went out to the area several times over the past two weeks and recovered several stolen vehicles, towed several abandoned vehicles, and requested several clean-ups via Oak311. The RV's located in the area were occupied. Fortunately, the individuals that were occupying the trailers were individuals that we have had several contacts with in the past 6 months or so. CRO Armstead and R. Lopez advised these individuals of the concerns from the community members regarding the blocking of the roadway, the large piles of debris, the

feces and urine in the area and most importantly all this occurring across the street from the Rec center and field where kids gather to play.

These individuals agreed to relocate to a different location away from the residential areas and parks/schools. They advised that they needed a few days to pack up their belongings to prepare for the move. They immediately began packing their belongings. Ofc. Armstead and Officer Lopez returned to the area to check on the progress and we were happy to see that the RV's and most of the vehicles were no longer in the area. Ofc. Armstead and I towed one vehicle and an additional three trailers from that area by PWA. Over the past two weeks, we have made some significant progress in the area and I we happy to say that as of today, the area is no longer a homeless encampment.

- In beat 27Y, one problematic property is exemplary of effective problem solving. In September 2020, complaints came into Neighborhood Services about abandoned vehicles and blight on private property, 5800 blk of Harmon. The joint response involved the community reporting issues, the Community Resource Officer, the Homelessness Administrator's office, police service technicians, civilian fire inspectors, Oakland Fire engines, and the City Administrator's Nuisance Abatement Division. This case had a successful outcome as the property was cleaned and recently secured with a gate.
- In beat 29x, on the 6900 block of Sunkist Drive is a collaboration with city agencies and the property owner to address a problematic Airbnb. This location has been a problem for the residents on Sunkist with rowdy weekend parties. Some of the party goers have been confrontational with the residents. Currently having meetings with nuisance abatement, the Neighborhood Law Corp Attorney, CRO Armstead, NSC and the owner of the property to abate the issues.
- In Northgate, beat 8X, the NSC is coordinating with the NCPC, Public Works Stewardship Team, Mosswood Recreation Center, resident volunteers and the WMAC on a Community Kindness Day, to cleanup Mosswood Park on April 24, 2021, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- NSC collaborated with the Starbucks Corporation and the Black Partners Network to host a virtual Coffee with a Cop City to commemorate Black History month with the City of Oakland residents. The guest speakers for the event were Lt. Aaron Smith, OPD, and Terry Wiley, Alameda County District Attorney.
- In 3x, there has been an increase in with many residents not reporting these crimes. There have been an increase of volunteers and organizations trying to find a way to help. With the assistance of the NCPC chair and NSC, some walking groups have been established to help deter crime.

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Another successful partnership is with the Chinatown Chamber of Commerce, who introduced Compassion in Oakland, an organization to assist seniors so they do not have to walk alone.

- A priority for beat 21xy was to close a smoke shop because it attracted a lot of criminal activity. The store isn't closed but there has been a change in ownership. The new owner has been vetted by ODP and has committed to maintain video surveillance in the front and outside the store. Hours are limited, improved lighting outside discourages loitering. Since October 2020 there have been no calls for services.
- In beat 10x, PG&E is replacing a gas line and the neighbors expressed their concerns during the Neighborhood Council meeting. The NSC reached out to PG&E and they now plan to keep neighbors informed about the progression of the project on Next door. A number has been provided for neighbors to call when they have concerns. The 53rd Street Gas Line Project is going to be completed in May.

#### Select beats with challenging projects

- In Beat 31Z Sobrante Park, the Neighborhood Council started the mural and beautification project in September 2020 and culminated with the completion of the mural on MLK Day 2021. There has been an RV parked on the corner of 105th and Edes Ave near the mural. The unhoused person has been parked there for the past 4 months. Oak311 and CRO have been dispatched to the area and have interacted with the person in question. The garbage associated with this individual covers the sidewalk forcing pedestrians to walk in the street that is already plagued by speeding. There will be a mural completion event on February 27, 2021 from 9am - 12pm.
- There is an ongoing homeless encampment on Alameda St and E8th St. This is an ongoing problem that has not been adequately addressed even though it has been a city priority. The long term plan to establish a RV encampment has only provided a enlargement of the camp into more city owned property.
- In beat 16Y, it has proven difficult to address speeding and reckless driving on Park Blvd. Due to the elimination of the last traffic squad, the limitations of Department of Transportation, and the loss of the beat's Community Resource Officer, we have seen a slowdown in progress being made.
- In beat 32y, a Challenging beat issue MacArthur Blvd is reckless driving. Numerous complaints of motorist using the boulevard as a speedway. The Traffic Division is aware; however, with the decrease in motor squads enforcement has become an issue.
- On February 19, 2021 and February 20, 2021, in Montclair 13Z the NSC conducted the first Pilot project patrol walkthrough in Montclair Village Business District to combat serial burglaries. Beat patrol officers and their Captain met in two to three shifts with Daniel Swafford, Executive

Director, of the Montclair Village Business District and Nicholas Vigilante, Montclair Village NCPC co-chair, for the officers to tour the village, meet the business owners, residents, staff, hear concerns from the community, share their contact information, and identify surveillance used in the village. The NSC will conduct the second Pilot project in Rockridge 12Y with the beat officers on February 26, 2021 and February 27, 2021, with the Rockridge Business District Executive Director, Christopher Jackson, and the Greater Rockridge NCPC.

- A business on Broadway, in 4x is accused of playing loud music and not wearing masks. One tenants in particular is very upset and representing the other tenants on these issues. The NSC has spoken with the owner of the business and the building owner is working to address concerns. These concerns have been forwarded to the City Attorney's office.

#### List of select community priorities

- In progress for Beat 17, OakDot has been working on a plan to install proper safety features around the Franklin Elementary School since Oct of 2017 after a student at close to the school was struck. In 2018, a young man traveling in an Uber as a passenger died after an accident at the same intersection. There have been dozens more accidents in the area over the years. An elderly neighbor recently told us this past week that she is terrified each day she has to run across Foothill Blvd to get to her local store. During the 2/10/21, Neighborhood Council meeting presentation from Department of Transportation engineers, it became more clear what the final plan with a timeline for completion.
- Speeding on Foothill Blvd. has been a long term issue. DOT presented a pedestrian safety project at the Fruitvale Unity meeting. This project was initiated two years ago after a mother and son were killed in a hit and run. On the day that DOT presented there was another hit and run that resulted in the death of a senior crossing foothill Blvd. It is yet to be seen if the proposed changes to Foothill Blvd. will improve pedestrian safety.
- In beat 35x, Crest Ave near Fontaine has become a place where individuals gather, and a noise concern has been raised. Progress has been made with frequent security checks by the Community Resource Officer resulting in numerous citations being issued, ongoing community cleanup efforts, the assistance of OPD's Abandoned Auto section in removing a vehicle found deep in a ravine, and Public Works adding red paint to a curb in the area.
- In Adams Point 14X, the NSC is working with OPD, Public Works, Construction & Maintenance, and Interdepartmental Operations to create a collaboration to address and reduce the Noise nuisance around Lake Merritt. The property at 568 Bellevue (the Boathouse), where the residents are setting up stages, battery operated speakers, and a string of multi-cars to create loud music.

- Nuisance Abatement sent a letter to the owner of 752 54th Street as part of the Nuisance Abatement action. He received a response from the owner denying all accusations. There are further meetings scheduled to address this issue and develop a plan of action.

#### Examples of block level projects and completed CPTED inspections projects

Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: CPTED Inspection in the 500 block of 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>: CPTED Inspection on the 4000 block of MacArthur Blvd.

Feb 10<sup>th</sup>: CPTED Meeting at Courtland Park

Feb 17<sup>th</sup>: Organized a NW group at Sheffield Village area

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the PST conducted a CPTED/Safety Walk for 23X, 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, East 8<sup>th</sup> and Elmwood Ave. Forwarded notes from walk to Officer Navarro and NSC Ana Martinez. Two neighborhood watch groups have formed since this meeting, one on 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, and one on Elmwood Ave, and 8 signs have been purchased.

During the February 9<sup>th</sup> 22X NCPC Neighborhood Council General Meeting, the PST was scheduled to provide an update on a CPTED walk from January of Dimond Park area. The presentation will be rescheduled to a later date.

On February 16, the PST performed a CPTED exam of St. Vartan Armenian Church, located at 650 Spruce St, 94610 in beat 15. Attended by Officer D'orso, who had forwarded the request. The PST followed up with notes back to attendees via email. The main concern is potential hate crimes such as vandalism or arson, because of similar crimes experienced in Armenian Church in San Francisco, due to volatile political climate. In addition to CPTED principles, forwarded potential contacts for St Vartan follow up with regarding fencing and plastics for stained glass window protection.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> the PST attended a zoom meeting with Altenheim residents and surrounding neighbors, beat 16Y. Meeting was organized by Debra Israel from Councilmember Gallo's office, and NSC Judith Christopher. I gave a 10 minute talk on Neighborhood Watch programs.<sup>i</sup>

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**Goals Underlying OUSD Outreach and Potential Partnership**

As embedded institutions in our neighborhoods and communities, schools are often the epicenter for many activities that involve a broad array of members from the community -- children, parents, grandparents, to name a few.

A partnership among OUSD, the CPAB and Neighborhood Councils would create opportunities for principals, teachers, and staff to build deeper ties to the community, develop a better understanding of the issues and might create educational opportunities for their students to work with teachers on in-classroom and out-of-classroom projects aimed at addressing issues and challenges as well as empowering students to engage in the building the community they dream for themselves.

By setting the foundation for civic engagement at a young age, it is our hope that our young people today, with the guidance of our teachers, parents and other community members, can become the community leaders of tomorrow.

**Berkeley Law Police Review Project + CPAB Pro Bono Partnership**

Oakland's Community Policing Advisory Board (the "CPAB") is a municipal commission comprised of 15 members nominated by the Mayor, each City Council member, the Oakland Housing Authority, the Oakland Unified School District and the Neighborhood Watch Steering Committee (a body that oversees Oakland's Neighborhood Watch groups).

The CPAB's mandate under City Council resolution 79235 (the "Resolution") is to monitor and oversee the implementation of the Resolution and to provide recommendations and an annual report to various stakeholders, including the Mayor, City Council, the City Administrator and the Chief of Police. The CPAB is also tasked with monitoring, overseeing and establishing processes / an infrastructure for Neighborhood Councils, which are neighborhood-level organizations organized by each of the 50+ police beats. The CPAB has historically viewed its role through a limited and narrow scope with a primary focus on policing rather than a broader view of public safety.

In recent months, the CPAB has sought to expand its focus to address broader concerns around public safety and the impact of systemic racism, police brutality, the over-dependence on law enforcement and the erosion of cohesion and collective support in our communities.

A pro bono partnership between the CPAB and Berkeley Law's Police Review Project, together with other Berkeley law students, has the potential to be incredibly impactful in addressing the broad concerns above through the following high-level projects:

1. **External Outreach, Advocacy and Engagement**  
Lead the CPAB's Engagement, Advocacy and Community Organizing Efforts
  
2. **Resolution Drafting**  
Draft a new community policing resolution based on best practices, community input and equity-based and anti-racist strategies
  
3. **Internal Governance, Policies and Procedures**  
Revitalizing the current community policing framework