



Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004

The Oakland City Council has placed a measure, designated as Measure Y, on the November 2, 2004 ballot to increase police staffing, enhance fire safety, and expand violence prevention programs. This is a summary of what the measure includes. The full text of the measure can be found at www.oaklandnet.com/violenceprevention

Additional Programs and Services

- 63 sworn police officers, bringing total sworn strength to 802.
 - One officer for each community policing beat (43 officers added to 14 now authorized)
 - Six additional Crime Reduction Team officers to focus on homicides, drug dealing
 - Additional officers for school safety, truancy, domestic violence and child abuse
 - Guaranteed: 739 sworn officers (currently budgeted) + 63 = 802 sworn officers

- Violence prevention services
 - Youth outreach counselors
 - After-school and in-school programs for at-risk youth
 - Domestic violence and child abuse counselors
 - Ex-offender and parolee employment training and wage incentives
 - Guaranteed: at least 40% of revenues (after deducting fire safety funding)

- Eliminates rotating closures of fire stations citywide
 - Re-opens 2 engine companies for total strength of 25 engine companies and 7 truck companies, 24/7
 - Expands paramedic services
 - Continued youth mentorship programs
 - Guaranteed: \$4 million per year

- There will be an annual evaluation of police and violence prevention programs
- There will be an annual independent audit of expenditures
- There will be an 11-member oversight committee, with three members appointed by the Mayor and one member appointed by each Councilmember
- The measure will sunset (expire) in ten years

Additional \$19.9 million dedicated to support new programs and services

- A new dedicated parcel tax will be collected from property owners
 - \$88 per single family residence
 - \$60.12 per unit, multi-family residential properties
 - \$45.07 single family equivalent unit for non-residential; formula based on frontage and square footage (e.g. 80' frontage = 1 SFE and 6400 sq ft = 1 SFE)

- A parking tax surcharge of 8.5% will be applied to those who park in commercial parking facilities
 - The surcharge revenues may only be used for programs described in the measure
 - Revenues from the existing 10% parking tax will remain in general purpose fund