City of Oakland Community Input Meeting Notes Police Chief Recruitment Input Session—

Citizen's Police Review Board (CPRB) Meeting, City Hall Thursday, October 24, 2013

The following is a summary of the comments from Citizens Police Review Board for the Police Chief Recruitment held on Thursday, October 24 at 6:15 p.m. at City Hall City Council Chambers. The summary is compiled from staff notes. It is not a verbatim account of all discussions that occurred at the public meeting.

Question#1: What are the most important issues/priorities that you would like the new Police Chief to address?

- Address shortage of investigators; more follow-up with crime victims is needed, especially with residential burglaries. People need status updates on investigations. If victims feel that they are responded to, they will be more willing to participate in Neighborhood Crime Prevention Councils, etc.
- Improve response time for calls for service
- Provide regular reports on homicide investigations--number resolved and time frame
- Create efficiencies for OPD
- Better facilitate relations between the officers and people in the flatlands
- Hold officers accountable who are creating a bad relationship with the community
- Increase the number of officers who live in Oakland

Question #2: What experience and track record should the new Police Chief have?

- Need to demonstrate a history of working with a Police Civilian Oversight Board. Very important to keep progress moving forward, not starting from scratch.
- Need experience working in a diverse community; meet with all sectors of the community
- Experience working in urban areas
- Someone who has successfully created change in a traditional department

Question #3: What skills and characteristics are the most critical for a new Police Chief to succeed in Oakland?

- Stable, well grounded individual with experience in 1-2 departments.
- Someone who wants to stay

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- Strong advocate for Community Policing
- Facilitate better relations between citizens and officers

Question #4: Is there anything else you would like the City to consider when selecting the new Police Chief?

- Hire someone who is aggressive in achieving the goals of the Negotiated Settlement Agreement
- It is important that progress made to date on police reforms continues
- Hold regular meetings with community groups to build trust and decrease misunderstandings between police and community
- Police Chief needs to understand the violence prevention aspects of Measure Y

Question #5: What are you willing to do or contribute to help the new Police Chief?

This question was not addressed in forum.