City of Oakland Community Input Meeting Notes
Police Chief Recruitment Input Session—*Citywide Meeting*
Lakeside Park Garden Center, Wednesday, October 30, 2013

The following is a summary of the comments from Public Safety Committee Meeting for the Police Chief Recruitment held on Wednesday, October 30th at the Lakeside Park Garden Center. 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?

- Police more visible
- Reduce homeless/loitering on the street
- Hold parents responsible for their child's behavior (crime)
- Robberies
- Better management of Department
- Backlog of cases (rapes/murders)
- Investigation of officer-involved shootings

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

- Ability to work with the unions
- Understand how to work effectively in a political environment and of how the City works
- Experience with diversity

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

- Have empathy for the citizens, city and the problems we face
- Good relationship with police staff
- Needs to have people skills

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

- Someone willing to work with the CPRB, who appreciates citizen review boards
- CPRB meetings need to be more visible

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

Question not addressed in forum.