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Oakland leadership team responds to judge's order in Oakland Police Department case

Oakland, CA – Mayor Jean Quan, City Administrator Deanna J. Santana and police Chief Howard Jordan have made the following joint statement regarding Judge Thelton Henderson's Dec. 12 order in the NSA case:

We are thankful to Judge Henderson for the opportunity to work collaboratively with the parties, and for his judgment in support of the plan which the City, the police union and the plaintiffs' attorneys jointly proposed.

Judge Henderson has granted us the support for which we asked, and in turn we reiterate and renew our commitment to reform, and to sustaining and improving strong relationships between the Oakland Police Department and the communities it proudly serves.

With this signed order we look forward to continued and enhanced collaboration with the court in accelerating our compliance with the tasks that remain.

It is hugely important, and reflects the spirit of the reforms themselves, that we are moving forward together. We look forward to meeting with the plaintiffs' attorneys to identify candidates for the Compliance Director position. In keeping with Judge Henderson's order we will be submitting our suggestions by the court's deadline of Dec. 21.

Mayor Quan added, "As we look toward the new year, we are encouraged and reenergized in our efforts to improve public safety while building greater trust between the community and the police department."

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