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Oakland City Council approves Mayor Quan budget proposals to fund public safety

Oakland, CA – The City Council approved Tuesday night millions of dollars in investments Mayor Jean Quan and the City Administrator's Office proposed for public safety, job creation, restoring City services and increasing reserves.

"This is a strong step forward for Oakland," Mayor Quan said. "As crime continues dropping and our economy is recovering, we're reinvesting in the resources and strategies that are working to make our neighborhoods safe and revitalized. This is a great example of the Administration and the City Council coming together to help build a better Oakland, and I thank my colleagues on the City Council and our budget staff for their incredible dedication and hard work."

The proposal was a midcycle revise, coming at the halfway point in a two-year budget passed in June 2013. Rising revenues and prior fiscal year's savings gave the City more than \$29 million in additional funds to decide how to either spend or place in reserve. The Council approved nearly everything Mayor Quan proposed, including:

Public Safety

- Funding for the 171st **Police Academy**
- Funding for recruitment of the 172nd **Police Academy**
- Increase funding for the **Ceasefire violence reduction program**
- Add four staff positions to support the **Citizen's Police Review Board**

Stabilize Our Workforce & Operations

- Steadily **increase the workforce** back to 4010.16 full-time equivalent (FTE), up from a modern low of 3,680.69 FTEs in FY 2012-13 when the Redevelopment Agency was dissolved
- Funding for **sewer capital improvements** and staff levels for sewer replacement and maintenance with funding derived from the Sewer Service Enterprise Fund
- Increase funding for the **Animal Shelter**, including the addition of 4.0 FTE part-time Animal Control Attendants, plus \$400,000 for additional staff

Economic Growth, Job Creation and Training, Education

- Continue bridge funding for the **West Oakland Job Resource Center**
- Expand the **youth internship programs** to a year-around program
- Provide a \$500,000 reserve for **library services** to avert future potential reductions in library services.

The Council also approved \$1.1 million of the funding Mayor Quan had proposed adding to the City's reserves. The City Council approved about half that amount to go to reserves and the other half was to be set aside for future library needs.

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The additional spending the Council authorized included:

- \$1 million to capital improvements for the upcoming Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project
- \$900,000 for additional street repairs across the City, and
- \$200,000 to be split evenly between graffiti abatement and addressing illegal dumping.

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