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## Mayor Libby Schaaf Announces Measures to Address Allegations of Police Misconduct & Improve

Oakland, CA — Mayor Libby Schaaf, City Administrator Sabrina Landreth and Police Chief Sean Whent announced a series of actions to reinforce the integrity of police investigations into misconduct, and ensure that officer conduct meets the highest professional and ethical standards.

“When the actions of our officers are called into question, the public needs total confidence that allegations are taken seriously, investigations are thorough and fair, and offenders are held accountable,” said Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf.

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Mayor Schaaf stated that three officers have been placed on administrative leave as a result of this ongoing investigation. Additionally, Mayor Schaaf announced that she has taken the following actions regarding the recent allegations:

1. As of today, due to Mayor’s Schaaf’s request, the District Attorney’s Office is conducting a parallel and independent investigation of allegations of possible criminal misconduct. The District Attorney’s Office is also conducting a review of two earlier closed suicide cases to provide additional, outside review of the investigation.

To further safeguard the independence of the District Attorney’s investigation, only DA personnel who have not previously worked for the Oakland Police Department will be assigned to this investigatory team, and the DA’s team will examine investigatory procedure in all of the above cases.

2. Mayor Schaaf also issued a new executive order on investigative integrity. Effective immediately, any allegations of criminal misconduct by an employee of the Oakland Police Department, on or off duty, will be immediately reported to the district attorney in the county where the incident is alleged to have occurred.

This is separate and apart from any internal investigation or handling of the matter.

In addition, Chief Whent called for a joint audit by the City Auditor Brenda Roberts and the OPD Inspector General to examine OPD recruitment and early warning systems for any practices or patterns that would identify unsuitable candidates from the applicant pool, and ensure the continued suitability of current officers to be on the force.

“I know that the vast majority of the men and women who serve as members of our Police Department are passionate guardians of this community committed to doing principled community policing,” said Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf. “I want to reiterate our shared commitment to ensuring the integrity of this investigation, and our continued dedication to the ongoing and nationally-recognized strides the Oakland Police Department has been making to implement modern and progressive police training, policy and procedures and practices.”

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