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City of Oakland formally opens 45-day application period for new Police Chief

Oakland, CA – Following a month-long series of community meetings to hear from a diverse array of Oaklanders about their priorities for the selection of a new Oakland Police Chief, the City of Oakland formally released the job announcement, starting the 45-day application period.

“We are seeking a compassionate, reform-minded leader of the highest integrity, who is result-driven and has the proven skills to bring greater safety and justice to Oakland as our next Chief of Police,” said Mayor Libby Schaaf.

The City’s nationwide search formally launched on August 29, when Mayor Schaaf and City Administrator Sabrina Landreth announced a robust community engagement process throughout the month of September to ensure that the best and brightest candidates emerge from the recruitment process. The insight gained at a total of 9 community meetings, including several focused on youth and the Spanish- and Chinese-speaking communities, will be used to:

- Help inform the recruiter to find the most qualified pool of candidates
- Provide the City with community-driven criteria to evaluate the final candidates
- Give the new Chief of Police a roadmap of how the community expects the Police Department to move forward under new leadership

The City will pull themes and reoccurring issues from the survey results and community forums and use that to help inform the selection of two community members to participate in the interview panels.

“It is essential that prospective candidates understand the values, standards and needs of our community,” said City Administrator Sabrina Landreth.

The public is encouraged to continue providing input and suggestions throughout the recruitment period in the following ways:

- **Attend a community meeting** – Several community meetings are planned through September and October. Find the schedule at <http://bit.ly/oaklandpolicechief>.
- **Take an online survey** – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OPDchiefsurvey>. The survey is also available in Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese at <http://bit.ly/2bWAU1M>.
- **Join the online discussion** – <http://speakupoakland.org/discussions/community-vision-of-the-oakland-police-department>.
- **Email** your comments and expectations to: OPDChiefRecruitment@oaklandnet.com.
- Not online? Leave a **phone** message detailing your comments and expectations at (510) 238-3600.

For more information, visit the recruitment page at <http://bit.ly/oaklandpolicechief>.

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