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City of Oakland Encourages Oakland Residents to Apply for Measure LL Police Commission

Oakland, CA – Mayor Libby Schaaf and the Selection Panel for the Police Commission today announced the opening of the application process for the Measure LL Police Commissioners, as approved by Oakland voters with over 83% support on the November 8, 2016 ballot.

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“When the actions of a member of the Oakland Police Department are called into question, the public must have total confidence that allegations of misconduct are taken seriously, investigations are thorough, transparent, and fair, and offenders are held accountable when appropriate,” said Mayor Schaaf. “The City remains committed to its continued dedication to the ongoing and nationally-recognized strides the Oakland Police Department has been making.”

Establishing and maintaining public trust and confidence in the Police Department is essential for the Department to be able to provide the highest level of service to the community.

Community leader and Selection Panel member John Jones, III said, “Oakland must establish a fearless Police Commission that will ensure due diligence in holding accountable those police officers who break the law and violate Oaklanders’ rights. We are seeking individuals to volunteer who will work *for the people*.”

The Selection Panel will seek to make appointments that reflect Oaklanders’ diversity of experiences, especially individuals from communities experiencing the most frequent contact with the Department. Strong commitment to police accountability and public service will be prioritized. Duties include overseeing the Community Police Review Agency, which will conduct investigations into allegations of officer misconduct; propose changes to, approve, or reject current or proposed Department policies; remove the Chief of Police for cause; as well as other duties.

Commissioners must meet two criteria:

- a. be a resident of the City of Oakland
- b. be over the age of 18 by date of first Commission meeting

The Selection Panel strongly encourages formerly incarcerated individuals to apply.

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Measure LL prohibits these categories of people from serving: current sworn police officers; current city employees; former Department sworn employees; and current or former employee, official, or representative of an employee association representing sworn police officers.

Applications are available at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/policecommission>. Paper applications will be made available at your local library, recreation centers, and City Hall next week.

Applications will be accepted until June 30, 2017, when the Selection Panel will begin to interview candidates. Appointments will be made by August 8th. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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