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Oakland Brings Back 10 Laid Off Officers and Increases Police Support

OAKLAND, CA--- Oakland Mayor Jean Quan announced today several immediate changes to enhance staffing and increase support to the Oakland Police Department.

"I've been mayor for almost a month now. I have been meeting regularly with the Police Chief and his command staff, listening to rank and file officers at their line-ups, and talking with the court-ordered monitors of the Negotiated Settlement Agreement. At the same time, I've been working to develop an accurate baseline budget for the City of Oakland. Today, in response to their concerns, I am announcing the beginning of changes that will provide more support and resources to the men and women of the Oakland Police Department," said Mayor Quan.

"First of all, last week there were problems with the dispatch system for OPD. I want to thank IT and police staff for working through the weekend. They believe they found the problem. It seemed to be a problem in the settings for the dispatch system. And to make sure that problems don't recur, Police and IT will hold regular meetings to monitor the function of Police dispatch system."

In addition to that, she announced that the City will

- Bring back 10 of 80 police officers laid off in last July. "This is somewhat of an aggressive schedule, but based on our attrition and fiscal projections this will keep us in line with our budget."
- As of last Friday, the City increased the number of active sergeants by promoting four officers to enhance supervision.
- Reorganized Information Technology staff to provide dedicated technicians to OPD
- Prioritized OPD vehicles for maintenance in the City garage
- Search for funding for new police vehicles and technology in the next budget

"OPD has been doing their part to keep their overtime costs in line. I'm doing mine to provide as many resources as the City can afford. I hope to do more based on negotiations with the OPOA and new federal and private grants as part of the next budget."

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