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Independent Evaluation Shows Participants of Measure Y Violence Prevention Programs Have Significant Reductions in Arrests and Convictions

Come Hear the Results of an Analysis Covering the Entire Span of the Initiative

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Oakland, CA – The external evaluation firm for Measure Y, Resource Development Associates (RDA), is completing their latest evaluation assessing program participant data across the entire span of the initiative. Participants of Measure Y service programs have consistently shown greater reductions in arrests and convictions over the life of the Measure.

RDA is conducting a retrospective evaluation to determine the effectiveness of Measure Y funded violence prevention programs and changes over time. The key findings from the evaluation are that Oakland Unite programs have increasingly targeted high-risk individuals, those at the most risk of being involved in violence, and have seen progressively lower recidivism rates. In addition, individuals' involvement with the justice system declined after they enrolled in Oakland Unite programs.

Measure Y was passed by voters in 2004 and collects over \$20 million annually with a goal of preventing and reducing violence in Oakland, of which over \$6 million is invested in violence prevention programs administered by Oakland Unite in the City of Oakland's Human Services Department.

To see the full presentation on the evaluation results come to the **Public Safety Committee Meeting at Oakland's City Hall on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 6pm in the Sgt. Mark Dunakin Room on the 1st Floor**. The presentation is also located on the Oakland Unite website under "Research and Reports". A complete retrospective evaluation report is coming soon.

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