



News from
Mayor Ron Dellums

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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR RON DELLUMS RE:
CQ Press' Crime Rankings

Oakland – Mayor Ron Dellums today commented on CQ Press' controversial national crime rankings:

“While the F.B.I has questioned the validity of these rankings and the U.S. Conference of Mayors says this report is both ‘misleading and a disservice to the public’, Oakland’s own data says that our city is making progress in bringing peace to our streets. During my State of the City address last January, I challenged Oakland to reduce crime by 10 percent. I’m proud to say Oakland has answered the call and implemented a comprehensive strategy that has seen a 17 percent drop in homicides and a 13 percent drop in overall crime - versus a drop of only four percent nationwide. While I understand we have a long way to go until our goals are realized, I am proud of the work our city has done and am encouraged by our collaborative efforts.”

Some of the components that make up our comprehensive P.I.E.S. (Prevention. Intervention. Enforcement. Sustainability.) strategy include:

- Deploying more police officers on Oakland streets than our city has ever seen.
- Dividing Oakland into three Public Safety Districts to bolster accountability and provide a more effective command structure.
- Deploying Street Outreach Workers to address street-level violence by connecting high-risk individuals with opportunities to get off the street.
- Fully staffing every Problem Solving Officer position. This has never been done before and is a huge step towards community policing, because it means that every beat has an officer specifically working on preventive policing.
- Helping the formerly incarcerated to re-build their lives by entering the workforce. We have hired a re-entry specialist, banned-the-box on our city applications, and are partnering with our state and local partners to expand our efforts.
- Giving support to mentoring programs which provide intense adult contact for those youngsters who are most in need of support and guidance.
- Deploying our police force in a manner that we believe to be more efficient and effective. This includes enhancing weekend and evening enforcement.
- Continuing the implementation of our valuable Measure Y programs, including: after school programs, school-based prevention, Safe Passages, sexually exploited minors programs, Project Choice, Oakland Community Response and Support Network, and many others.
- Bringing on a new police chief. In Anthony Batts, we have a police chief who is comfortable in his own shoes, supports our comprehensive PIES strategy, and has a history of significantly driving down crime rates in a city similar to Oakland.

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