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STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR RE:
Spree of Violence that Occurred the Weekend of June 20-22

"First and foremost, I offer my heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims of these senseless acts of violence. The bloodshed we experienced this weekend is both tragic and intolerable. It's an example of the sort of rage and disregard for human life that cannot and will not be tolerated. While at this point, we do not have evidence suggesting that these fatalities were related to one another or recent events, I will be in close contact with Chief Tucker and leadership at the police department as the investigations ensue, and together will be looking closely at what trends, events or underlying issues might have led to this weekend's tragic loss of life.

Though the six homicides this weekend were a disturbing setback in our progress to bring peace to our streets, I am confident that our comprehensive public safety strategy, which incorporates prevention, intervention, enforcement and sustainability, will allow us to reach our goal. In addition, we must hold true to our plan of obtaining a fully staffed police force, building upon the success of Operation Nutcracker, and bringing in more local, state and federal resources to bolster our efforts.

Again I am saddened by the violence that took place this weekend and I strongly encourage anyone who may have information about these murders to please contact the Oakland Police Department Homicide Unit at (510) 238.3821."

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