



City of  
**OAKLAND**  
California

## News from: The Office of Mayor Jean Quan

### MEDIA ADVISORY

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#### STATEMENT ON SUNDAY NIGHT'S SHOOTINGS

Last night's shootings, which are a rare occurrence in downtown Oakland, are tragic and troubling. We are unable to comment on the particulars of the case but I assure you that it is a high priority and the Police Department will schedule increased patrols in the area as they continue to investigate the circumstances.

I'm particularly disturbed by the use of firearms last night--a growing concern in the Bay Area and in major cities around the country. I've joined Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a national effort to do everything in our power to protect our residents, especially our children, from the threat of guns. This includes punishing—to the maximum extent of the law, criminals who possess, use and traffic in illegal guns, and to hold accountable irresponsible gun dealers who break the law by knowingly selling guns to straw purchasers.

While crime continues to track 12% below that of last year, the Police Chief and I continue to focus our efforts on the increase in homicides and shootings since the first of the year. This weekend we are launching a program in East and West Oakland to provide safe activities for young adults at Rainbow Recreation Center and McClymonds High School up until midnight. Our hope is to expand the locations and activities so that young people have safe alternatives during the high risk hours of Friday and Saturday nights.

We ask that anyone who might have information that can help the police in their investigation to call Homicide Investigators at 510-238-3821.

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