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### **Oakland community to host more than 550 National Night Out parties on August 2, 2016; City officials to participate in parties across the City of Oakland**

*Oakland, CA* – Mayor Libby Schaaf, Deputy Chief John Lois, and Fire Chief Teresa Reed will gather with police officers, firefighters, and other city and county employees on Tuesday, August 2, to fan out to neighborhoods throughout Oakland to visit 564 block parties.

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“National Night Out is an opportunity for people to help support police-community partnerships and raise crime prevention awareness in their neighborhood by having residents get to know each other through events like barbecues or ice cream socials,” Mayor Libby Schaaf said. “It’s these connections that build communities block-by-block. This is important because the best crime prevention tool ever invented is a good neighbor.”

National Night Out empowers people and provides an opportunity for communities to heal and foster peace in our neighborhoods.

The City not only encourages neighbors to have a block party, but also to start a Neighborhood Watch Group on their street and to participate in their Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council where they can work in partnership with the City’s neighborhood service coordinators and the Oakland Police Department’s community resource officers assigned to their neighborhood.

The Oakland A’s have donated 1,200 baseball tickets to show their appreciation to the party hosts, who are stepping up and providing leadership on their blocks.

Throughout Oakland, from east to west, north to south, more people than ever before are coming out to make their neighborhood safer and stronger.

For a list of some National Night Out events in Oakland visit:

[www.oaklandnet.com/nno](http://www.oaklandnet.com/nno)

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