



## **OPD Statement Regarding Shot Spotter**

The Oakland Police Department recognizes our important role in increasing public safety. We are dedicated to continuously assessing our crime fighting strategies, including our ability to use technology to prevent, respond to, and investigate crimes. Shot Spotter is an effective crime fighting tool. It is cutting edge technology with the ability to pinpoint the location of gunshots in real time. With our current staffing challenges, utilizing Shot Spotter to its full capacity has been difficult. As we grow the Department, our abilities to rapidly respond to Shot Spotter activations quickly and to use the program for crime analysis will increase.

As a public safety agency, we are committed to identifying and utilizing technology to our crime-fighting advantage. We also recognize our obligation to prioritize our fiscal commitments. We are currently under contract with Shot Spotter until August and we are assessing our ability to fund the program moving forward.

We are committed to tailoring our use of technology to fit the needs of our community. The community deserves to be free from crime and the fear of crime and we are dedicated to improving quality of life for the residents of this City.