



**CITY OF OAKLAND  
COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, January 6, 2021  
6:00 PM  
Via Teleconference**

**Board Membership:**

Chair, Creighton Davis (Mayoral), Vice Chair, Colette McPherson (Dist. 2),  
Paula Hawthorn (Dist. 1), Carol Wyatt (Dist. 3), Ravinder Singh (Dist. 4),  
Jorge Lerma (Dist. 5), Donald Dalke (Dist. 6), Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7),  
Art Douglas Blacksher (At Large), Nancy Sidebotham (NW),  
Geraldine Wong (NW), Daniel Ettlinger (OUSD), Ericka Parker (OHA),  
Yonas Gebremicael (Mayoral), Vacant (Mayoral)

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Persons addressing the Community Policing Advisory Board shall state their names  
and the organization they are representing, if any.***

1. Open Forum: (6:00 – 6:10)
2. Approval of DRAFT Meeting Minutes: (6:10 – 6:15)
  - November 4, 2020
3. Oakland Police Department Updates: (6:15 – 6:55)
  - Community Policing Updates
  - CRO Updates
4. Neighborhood Services Updates: (6:55 – 7:20)
5. Town Hall Recap / Discussion of Takeaways and Feedback (7:20 - 8:00)
6. Agenda Building, Staff Report and CPAB Member Open Forum (8:00-8:30)
7. Meeting Adjourned: (8:30)



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**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2020**

6:00 PM

Via Teleconference

**Board Membership:**

**PRESENT:** Chair, Creighton Davis (Mayoral), Vice Chair, Colette McPherson (Dist. 2), Paula Hawthorn (Dist. 1), Carol Wyatt (Dist. 3), Ravinder Singh (Dist. 4), Jorge Lerma (Dist. 5), Donald Dalke (Dist. 6), Art Douglas Blacksher (At Large), Geraldine Wong (NW), Daniel Ettlinger (OUSD), Ericka Parker (OHA), Yonas Gebremicael (Mayoral)

**ABSENT:** Kirby Thompson (Dist. 7), Nancy Sidebotham (NW), VACANT (Mayoral)

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Meeting called to order @ 6:00pm.

1. **Oakland Police Department Updates** – *Deputy Chief Armstrong moved by Chair Davis to item #1.*

Reported on Weekly Crime Reports - 86 homicides for the year, a 41% increase from 2019. A 55% increase in overall shooting although robberies and burglaries have decreased. Gun violence in BFO 2 has increased dramatically. Working closely with the DVP and Chief Cespedes. Custom notifications are difficult during Covid-19, but some Call-In's have occurred. Mayor has requested that an increased be made to do more. 1000 firearms have been recovered which is a 36% increase from 2019 including high capacity rifles and magazines.

Discussed ShotSpotter Report – Weekly gunfire summary area 4 & 5 have the most activity.

Going forward D.C. Armstrong will present crime related data and Captain Bolton will present Community Policing projects citywide.

DC Armstrong thanked board members Dalke and Davis and others for their participation in the Peace March held on the previous weekend.

Board member Dalke – questions about shot spotter and if a map is available?  
DC Armstrong - It is posted each Tuesday on the OPD website.

How are firearms recovered?  
DC Armstrong - recovered during investigations.

How many guns per individual?  
DC Armstrong a number of firearms are found on individuals multiple times. Resources are being explored on how the firearms are entering Oakland.

Board member Ettlinger – when will the DVP Chief Cespedes unfold the new DVP strategy?

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DC Armstrong encouraged the Board to invite Chief Cespedes to discuss at a future CPAB meeting.

Board member Singh – Do aggravated assaults, track with robberies?  
DC Armstrong - no, linked to violent crime.

Board member Singh – Not aware of studies on Community Policing and reduction of crime, what are OPD's assumptions on the increase in Violent Crime?  
DC Armstrong - increased violent crime has increased throughout the country. Covid has restricted OPD's use of Ceasefire tactics, increased anxiety, poverty and housing concerns are high in the impacted communities.

Board member Blackshear - Discussed an incident that involved an assault and OPD's delayed response to his call. How can OPD ensure the same Policing services provided to "Montclair" in high crime areas of Oakland?  
DC Armstrong – Although crime has increased, there are no increased Police Services, the patrol staffing plan has 35 officers citywide, 1 officer per beat. East Oakland includes Beats 23 – 35 – which is approximately 12 officers and possibly some extra teams staffing, maybe 20 officers. Increased violence has challenged staff. Calls are prioritized when they come in – 2000 calls per day, 66% in BFO 2 in East Oakland. OPD tries to respond to all emergency calls as they come in.

Board member Dalke – 35 officers on the street – if there are 700 officers – how can that be?  
DC Armstrong – 3 shifts a day – 24-hour shift 105 – 120 officers – A side and B side- 240 officers on patrol - not included 50 Sergeant's, 35 CRO's 35 CRT's. 700+ includes all officers up to the Chief.

Chair Davis requested that the OPD reports be included in future agendas.

**2. Open Forum – Moved to item #2 – 1 Minute each**

- a. A. Olugbala – Ceasefire needs an in-depth review.
- b. M. Forte – 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. property owner, 2 killed, what has happened in terms of apprehending the shooter and the residents of the area. Invited DC Armstrong to NCPC meeting. Would like to hear from DC Armstrong and DVP Chief Cespedes.

**3. Neighborhood Services Updates – Felicia Verdin - report included in the packet.**

Staffing updates – 8 NSC's, R. Sykes retired. 3 Police Service Technicians – beats have been realigned, each NSC has 7 beats – 1 has 8. Hopes to fill the position held by R. Sykes.

Board member Ettlinger – NSC staff stretched thin – 1) what is the ideal # of beats?

2) only 1 Supervisor – should there be 2?

Verdin – 5 is ideal, 3 is best. Supervisor BFO 2 Beats 23-35 – an additional Supervisor would be ideal.

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Board member Ettliger – Officers in schools reading to children – is there a way to restart that program. To increase positive Police encounters.  
Verdin – Current report shows current activity.

Chair Davis – Is it helpful to CPAB members to connect with NSC's and OPD.  
Verdin – Police Service Techs could help with the project.

Board member Dalke – Would like info on the Speed Bump project listed in the report.  
Verdin -

Chair Davis – Expand on the Police Service Technicians role?  
Verdin – there are many PST's throughout OPD – 2 in Neighbor Services that work on block level programs, merchant watch, neighborhood watch steering committee, inaudible – crime prevention through environmental design.

4. **Community Member Spotlight – Jennifer Zilliac (28x) – Sister Beats and Streets**  
Presentation included in agenda packet.

Board member Singh – any ideas on how to implement?  
J. Zilliac – Ideas person, implementation is out of her skillset.

Board member Dalke – can this idea be incorporated into the upcoming Town Hall with NCPC's?  
Chair Davis - Yes

5. **Welcome #2 and Introduction of New CPAB Board members:**

- a) Carol Wyatt – District 3 Representative and Re-Imagining Public Safety Task Force Member – introduction provided.
- b) Art Douglass Blacksher At-Large Representative – introduction provided.
- c) Marla Williams Mayoral Representative – no longer an Oakland resident.

6. **Discussion of NCPC Survey Results:**

NCPC's have a good level of work being done. Neighborhood Councils want to connect with each other and the CPAB can assist with coordination, interaction and collaboration.

Board member Ettliger, suggested the use of Slack as a way to connect.

Board member Singh discussed Neighbors for Racial Justice and their belief that community policing as a way to broaden the scope of Community Policing and that the Board might consider the atypical way to consider ways for Community Policing.

Chair Davis stated that the Citywide town hall may be a good way to introduce this concept.

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Board member Singh suggested that the document created by the Board Chair on CPAB goals be a (inaudible) guiding document for the CPAB.

Board member Lerma the CPAB should support Board member Wyatt at the RPST. Consensus should be clarified and look at the City budget in a balanced way.

Board member Wyatt, the community wants to feel safe when they contact the police and that OPD is not the answer for anything.

Board member Ettlinger discussed that the NCPC's are ready for change and it is incumbent upon the CPAB to connect NCPC's. Opportunity should not be wasted.

Board member Dalke – NCPC's might be a way to bring Communities together. 7 NCPC's were concerned with illegal dumping, 4 with drugs, 3 with traffic and abandoned vehicles, 4 homeless conditions. A structured approach should be developed to connect community partners to handle the meat and potato issues.

J. Zilliac commented on the number of cops, if there is more crime, cops don't prevent crime they respond to crime. If we focus on preventing crime there is not a need for more cops.

M. Forte, as a member of the RPST task force completed the survey and believes that the taskforce and the NCPC survey is timely. Results from the survey should be sent to the RSPT for their review. Quality of life issues lead to crime.

Responses are confidential, but Chair Davis believes that is a good suggestion. Trainings for NCPC chairs on de-escalation techniques and practices – Village of Love from Temescal for training.

**7. Discussion and Vote on Proposed City-wide Town Hall for NCPC Chairs in December followed by District-wide Town Halls in early 2021:**

Discussion held an Ad-Hoc Committee will be created to develop the agenda for the meeting. A motion was made to hold a City-wide Town Hall for NCPC Chairs on December 9, 2020 by Board member Singh, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board member Ettlinger, all approved.

**8. CPAB Member Open Forum to Discuss Steps to Address Systemic Racism, the 9/29 City Council Re-Imagining Public Safety Task Force Meeting and December Agenda Building:**

Chair Davis proposed that item be pushed to the December 4, meeting.

Board member Dalke wanted to discuss December agenda items, Speaker from the East Oakland Collective, Candance Elder. Wants to have a process to identify community organizations that can provide assistance to NCPC's.

Board member Singh want to add a discussion on the upcoming Town Hall.

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Chair Davis Berkeley Law School and a student leader from the Police Review Project to work on the CPAB Reso and Bylaws. Will provide an update to the board.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Board member Ettliger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Board member Singh at 8:36pm.

Date of Report: 24 Dec 20

# OPD Monthly Report

In an effort to ensure more effective data-gathering and more efficient use of CPAB meeting time, the CPAB has created a process by which you will submit, on a monthly basis, updates from your community policing projects and strategies. These updates will be reviewed and discussed by the CPAB and will offer an avenue for more targeted and efficient dialogue. Please submit your responses to the questions below.

\* **Required**

## 1) Full Name and Title \*

Captain Chris Bolton

## 2) Relevant OPD Crime Statistics with Explanation \*

Please provide the crime statistics in the format you typically recite in CPAB meetings. These statistics and the explanation of them should indicate general trends, increases / decreases in occurrences of particular crime and targeted responses to the trends.

Citywide Crime statistics, as of 20 Dec 20, are attached. Despite the conclusion of a violent crime suppression operation that produced 16 arrests for murder, 13 arrests for attempted murder, 11 arrests for assault with firearms, and 41 arrests of persons for unlawfully possessed firearms, the alarming rate of homicides and firearm assaults has increased since last update.

In response, an additional citywide crime plan has prioritized actions and measures to address this rise in serious and violent crime. Actions entail collaborative work between Ceasefire, Department of Violence Prevention, federal and local law enforcement partners, and citywide Crime Reduction Team resources. As of 20 Dec 20, OPD efforts have recovered a total of 994 unlawfully possessed or used firearms – 46% more than the amount of recoveries at this time in 2019.

## 3) Community Policing Projects and Updates

Please indicate the specific community-oriented policing strategies you implemented in the past month, the work you have engaged in with community organizations and partners and the progress / outcome of these strategies and partnerships.

Officer Rosalia Lopez – CRO5

Tennis Courts located at 9665 B St SARA project #33X-19-003 Currently Open: Collaboration and stakeholders' participation in shared project goals for locations that generate a chronic nuisance and complaints. Problem-solving identified a homeless encampment and trash accumulation inside the tennis courts is creating blight in the area. The tennis courts are not operational due the encampment and trash accumulation. This area is also a known area where narcotics are used and sold.

Date of Report: 24 Dec 20

Stakeholders and partners consisted of Community; City of Oakland; Oakland Police Department; Public works, Parks and Rec, CRO5, abandoned auto unit.

Partnership, communication, and assistance with the proprietor was achieved for some issues and improvement was noted by neighbors; However, this is a on going issue and the project is still open.

- 4) Please provide data on the number of non-emergency 911 calls that were successfully diverted to community partners or alternative first responders.**

The Departments work with partner and stakeholder Task Force working groups continues; a study of calls for service and potential alternative responses are in-progress.

- 5) Please indicate areas in which the CPAB can support, and engage NCPCs and block level ambassadors in supporting, community policing strategies and initiatives.**

Recent cost saving measures to close the Fiscal Year 2020-21 projected deficit have impacted Ceasefire officers as well as a number of Community Resource Officer positions. As of this writing, final decisions and determinations have not been made. Now, more than ever, is the time we need to maximize community policing partnerships, effectiveness, and results without the same level of staff and resources.

- 6) Please feel free to share any other updates, areas of progress, concerns or Complaints?**



# Weekly Crime Report—Citywide

## 14 Dec. – 20 Dec., 2020

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b> <i>All totals include attempts except homicides.</i>	<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>YTD 2018</b>	<b>YTD 2019</b>	<b>YTD 2020</b>	<b>YTD % Change</b> 2019 vs. 2020	<b>3-Year YTD Average</b>	<b>YTD 2020 vs. 3-Year YTD Average</b>
<b>Violent Crime Index</b> (homicide, aggravated assault, rape, robbery)	96	5,336	5,663	5,729	1%	5,576	3%
<b>Homicide – 187(a)PC</b>	2	65	72	102	42%	80	28%
<b>Homicide – All Other *</b>	-	8	3	7	133%	6	17%
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	45	2,576	2,667	3,168	19%	2,804	13%
Assault with a firearm – 245(a)(2)PC	8	272	277	473	71%	341	39%
<b>Subtotal - Homicides + Firearm Assault</b>	10	345	352	582	65%	426	37%
Shooting occupied home or vehicle – 246PC	9	210	240	399	66%	283	41%
Shooting unoccupied home or vehicle – 247(b)PC	-	78	112	196	75%	129	52%
Non-firearm aggravated assaults	28	2,016	2,038	2,100	3%	2,051	2%
<b>Rape</b>	2	220	199	194	-3%	204	-5%
<b>Robbery</b>	47	2,475	2,725	2,265	-17%	2,488	-9%
Firearm	24	821	1,002	736	-27%	853	-14%
Knife	3	165	136	164	21%	155	6%
Strong-arm	14	1,167	1,213	925	-24%	1,102	-16%
Other dangerous weapon	-	86	86	73	-15%	82	-11%
Residential robbery – 212.5(a)PC	-	70	92	81	-12%	81	0%
Carjacking – 215(a) PC	6	166	196	286	46%	216	32%
<b>Burglary</b>	44	10,243	14,520	8,363	-42%	11,042	-24%
Auto	22	7,967	11,988	6,027	-50%	8,661	-30%
Residential	12	1,540	1,750	1,181	-33%	1,490	-21%
Commercial	5	578	601	920	53%	700	31%
Other (Includes boats, aircraft, and so on)	3	125	159	171	8%	152	13%
Unknown	2	33	22	64	191%	40	61%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	78	6,006	6,296	8,307	32%	6,870	21%
<b>Larceny</b>	41	6,438	7,541	5,621	-25%	6,533	-14%
<b>Arson</b>	2	188	148	180	22%	172	5%
<b>Total</b>	261	28,219	34,171	28,207	-17%	30,199	-7%

**THIS REPORT IS HIERARCHY BASED. CRIME TOTALS REFLECT ONE OFFENSE (THE MOST SEVERE) PER INCIDENT.**

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# Weekly Crime Report — Area 5

## 14 Dec. – 20 Dec., 2020

<b>Part 1 Crimes</b> <i>All totals include attempts except homicides.</i>	Weekly Total	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YTD % Change 2019 vs. 2020	3-Year YTD Average	YTD 2020 vs. 3-Year YTD Average
<b>Violent Crime Index</b> (homicide, aggravated assault, rape, robbery)	29	1,339	1,397	1,622	16%	1,453	12%
<b>Homicide – 187(a)PC</b>	-	20	30	43	43%	31	39%
<b>Homicide – All Other *</b>	-	-	-	4	PNC	1	200%
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	15	807	852	1,047	23%	902	16%
Assault with a firearm – 245(a)(2)PC	5	116	110	183	66%	136	34%
<b>Subtotal - Homicides + Firearm Assault</b>	5	136	140	230	64%	169	36%
Shooting occupied home or vehicle – 246PC	5	87	91	169	86%	116	46%
Shooting unoccupied home or vehicle – 247(b)PC	-	31	48	89	85%	56	59%
Non-firearm aggravated assaults	5	573	603	606	0%	594	2%
<b>Rape</b>	1	48	40	31	-23%	40	-22%
<b>Robbery</b>	13	464	475	501	5%	480	4%
Firearm	5	148	180	212	18%	180	18%
Knife	-	22	20	19	-5%	20	-7%
Strong-arm	5	198	183	153	-16%	178	-14%
Other dangerous weapon	-	20	17	13	-24%	17	-22%
Residential robbery – 212.5(a)PC	-	19	14	24	71%	19	26%
Carjacking – 215(a) PC	3	57	61	80	31%	66	21%
<b>Burglary</b>	6	1,257	2,213	1,121	-49%	1,530	-27%
Auto	2	872	1,766	770	-56%	1,136	-32%
Residential	2	260	304	173	-43%	246	-30%
Commercial	1	92	102	135	32%	110	23%
Other (Includes boats, aircraft, and so on)	1	26	35	29	-17%	30	-3%
Unknown	-	7	6	14	133%	9	56%
<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	24	1,679	1,704	2,299	35%	1,894	21%
<b>Larceny</b>	5	1,168	1,383	1,007	-27%	1,186	-15%
<b>Arson</b>	-	62	52	54	4%	56	-4%
<b>Total</b>	64	5,505	6,749	6,107	-10%	6,120	0%

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## Memo

December 28, 2020

**To:** Community Policing Advisory Board

**From:** Felicia Verdin  
Community Programs Supervisor  
Neighborhood Services Section (NSS)

**CC:** Roland Holmgren, Deputy Chief, Oakland Police Department  
Neighborhood Service Coordinators (NSC)  
NSS, Police Service Technicians (PST)

**Subject:** Report from Neighborhood Services Section

### Successful community partnership/priorities

- Along the MacArthur Corridor in community policing beat 32Y traffic remains one of their top concerns in addition to the violent crime taking place on the beat. NSC is working with OPD's Traffic Division to display the radar trailer on Stanley Avenue in an attempt to slow down motorist.
- In 4x, the Ambassadors Program through the Downtown Community Business District is partnering with the OPD Walking Officers to work on crimes in Frank Ogawa Plaza. The NSC is convening these meetings. Discussed issues of concern for merchants including crime, homelessness, drug dealing, violence and crime related to drug dealing, using private cameral footage to help police identify perpetrators of specifically reported crimes, restraining orders.
- Walgreens in 12X Temescal has a tremendous amount of store theft. The homeless encampment residents are allegedly some of the perpetrators. NSC and OPD is working with five local Walgreens to address concerns at their stores.
- Beat 31 NCPC in conjunction with Alameda County's Chief Probation Office, was able to secure a 5.2 million grant to improve Sobrante Park's Mini Park and Tyrone Carney Park. These areas currently see high transience, violence and blight. The hope is to beautify and change the culture of the park in addition to encouraging more families to recreate in the area. Both parks are projected to be completed by 2021.
- On December 4, ongoing neighborhood crime and safety concerns regarding incidents around the 1700 block of MacArthur (beat 16Y) brought staff together from a large non-profit housing provider, Neighborhood Services, OPD, and Oakland City Council.

This partnership resulted in the establishment of quarterly follow up meetings, resource sharing, and the establishment of relationships that will directly impact safety and community engagement in the neighborhood. To bridge the gap between neighbors and residents of the large apartment building, the 16Y NSC and Resident Services Coordinator will collaborate on engagement and community building. Indeed, this developing community partnership resulted in the quick resolution of an illegal dumping incident that occurred on the block on December 15th.

- Update on the 22Y SARA Project. In August, community members brought to the NSCs attention the issue of auto burglaries around Joaquin Miller Park. This issue was brought to the attention of the Community Resource Officer (CRO). The CRO worked on providing high visibility patrol to deter the burglaries. From May 2020 to July 2020 there was 64 reported auto burglaries. From August 2020 to November 2020 there were 51 reported auto burglaries. Comparing the 2 time periods, the month August-November shows a 21% decrease in auto burglaries.
- On beat 20X there was an individual living in an RV. Neighbors wanted to work with the individual to get them resources and try to find him work so he could find a place to live. City services were provided to find him shelter. Over the course of several months neighbors realized that this individual was not interested in services. They also noticed that burglaries were going up in their neighborhood. Soon the individual living in the RV was seen selling items. Neighbors realized that the individual they had been trying to help was burglarizing their businesses and homes. They reported the individual to the CRO and the individual has since moved from the area.

#### Select beats with challenging projects

- Melrose-High Hopes, beat 27X raised the concern that Courtland Creek Park needs to be cleaned up and maintained. This park abuts a creek bed which is full of trash and debris and overgrown weeds. Recently the park has provided shelter for homeless individuals. The NSC is coordinating with the Area 4 OPD Captain, District 4 Council Office, CRO, PST M. Guzman, residents and the County to clean this area up. Funding will be needed to increase the lighting in this park and creek.
- Mail theft is an ongoing issue in 1X, the Jack London Square area. The NSC and PST are working to educate residents and property owners to address the concerns.
- There is tree in 14X Adams Point on Grand and Bellevue that has attracted a lot of and loitering and provides concealment for the people to drink alcohol and allegedly sell drugs. OPD receives multiple complaints on a daily basis regarding the foot traffic and amplified music in the area. NSC is working with Parks and the Tree Division to have the tree trimmed for better visibility.

- NSC continues to work on increasing Beat 31 NCPC meeting involvement from residents via zoom to help galvanize community support around beautifying targeted areas, decrease incidents of violence and illegal activity.
- In beat 28x, the NCPC identified a Walgreens on High Street as a priority for their CRO and NSC. The large parking lot attracts a lot of loitering and illegal dumping, the location of the store next to major freeway ramps makes it a target for theft, and the difficulties related to contracting appropriate on-site loss prevention security staff make this a challenging project.

OPD has conducted a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) evaluation in July and many of the recommendations were implemented. As a follow up, the CRO and NSC met with store staff and their legal representatives to problem solve with a property walk and store inspection on December 09th.

To advance progress on this priority, the community has been basing their monthly neighborhood cleanups from this location. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a detrimental impact on community cleanups here, as well as across the city.

- In 19X, encampments are all over Beat, from Lake Merritt to Union Point Park. Residents have seen port-a-potties moved from an encampment area to the front of one of the residents buildings. Residents have also seen rats as big as cats running around. At Union Point Park, residents have stated they have seen an increase in crime.
- In 7X, abandoned vehicles, homelessness are priorities and will be part of NCPC discussion until eradicated. The CRO's are available and respond to community complaints and tow vehicles that can be removed. However, those occupied by homeless are left alone.
- Beat 33 has a chronic problem with abandoned autos. Neighbors complain of hazards and lack of parking due to the number of cars on public streets. In looking at this issue, there may be a chop shop in the area. The NSC is working with neighbors to identify the source of these vehicles. In the meantime, the NSC is coordinating with the CRO to develop a towing project for the area.

#### List of select community priorities

- The beat 25Y NCPC is working to address a number of dead trees in the median on Skyline Blvd. The NSC and residents have provided a list of these trees to the Public Works Tree Division and want them removed and/or attended to by the City.
- Residents of 11x, have filed a nuisance complaint with assistance from the NSC on a property located on the 700 block of 54<sup>th</sup> Street. The complaint documents a history of

incidents that have happened on the street. The complaint was submitted to the Nuisance Abatement Office and the next step is a meeting with residents about their concerns.

- 13Z Montclair has several issues they are dealing from street donuts, shootings, alcohol, and large crowds on Keller and Skyline. NSC is working with Wildfire Prevention Working group, DOT, Fire Department, and OPD.
- Over 33 residents of the Beat 15X neighborhood participated in a feedback survey for the Lake Merritt Vendor Pilot. The survey was designed to capture outcomes, impact and experience of families living close to the lake. The survey was distributed and collected by the Cleveland Heights NC Board and will be used to determine the direction of the pilot in 2021.
- In beat 35x, neighbors have been concerned about large scale parties with hundreds of attendees, held every weekend on Dowling St. Unfortunately, many of the parties resulted in violence that required OPD services. The problem solving approach taken by the Community Resource Officer brought together numerous city departments and various specialized sections of the police department.

While this project is ongoing, on December 15 the property was inspected by the fire department. During the inspection, the property owner, property manager, tenants, OPD, and the NSC were able to have a conversation about next-steps. The NSC and the two tenants were able to connect about available resources. Specifically, the tenants had questions about improving their credit scores and financial planning. The NSC directed them to [SparkPoint Oakland](#), a joint venture between UnitedWay of the Bay Area and EBALDC, for free credit repair services, financial counseling, and tax preparation. The young tenants have clear entrepreneurial tendencies and could likely benefit from this amazing community resource.

- Beat 24 has a mechanic operating out of a residential area. This created blight and parking problems for neighbors. Vehicles were often parked on sidewalks and pedestrians had to walk on the street. Neighbors were directed to call 311 to report the issues. The CRO worked with his unit to address the vehicles on the street and tow inoperable vehicles. Neighbors are still working to address the issues with the mechanic but the area is cleaner and neighbors are much happier. This project is still open with Code Compliance.

#### Example of a Successful block level project (in progress)

- PST conducting a walking CPTE and met with neighbors of Beat 22Y living on Coolidge Ave near Madeline Street. Met with 3 Neighbors on this block including Neighborhood Watch captain, NCPC chair, and Councilmember's Tao's office. We discussed

principles of Natural Surveillance, Access Control and Hard Targeting, with specific focus on lighting between detached houses, see through fencing, private camera surveillance, and signage. We looked at home fronts and walked through alley in back of houses where most residents park. Main crime occurring in the area is catalytic converter theft from street parked vehicles.

- PST met with the site manager, residents and conducted a CPTED of a large apartment complex in Jack London Square. Discussed trespassing on site, package theft, car break ins. The Landing is in process of building a room with possible lockers for shipping packages to be left at. In mean time, responsibility has to be on residents to track their packages or come up with other delivery methods such as Amazon locker, to avoid theft. Site has security walking grounds at night, but not during day. Site has also experienced car break ins on site. Thieves are most likely accessing site through car gates when they open for residents. These gates are not currently monitored. Site management will work to incorporate recommendations provided through the assessment.