



Measure Y Newsletter



For a Safe Oakland

Fall, 2010

Dear Page,

This has been a very challenging year for the City of Oakland and for Measure Y. For FY 2010-11, City Council was faced with closing a \$40 million budget deficit. The magnitude of this deficit resulted in an inability to continue to forestall cuts to police services. As a result, the City was unable to maintain funding for 739 police officers as required by the Measure Y legislation. Thus Measure Y funding is no longer being collected by the City beginning on July 1, 2010 which necessitated the laying off of 80 police officers including 63 Measure Y officers. The Fire Department allocation to stop the rotating closure of fire stations and the violence prevention programs have both been funded with alternate funding only through December, 2010. In November, Measure BB will ask the voters of Oakland to approve a revision to Measure Y allowing for the continued collection of funds by removing the requirement to maintain 739 officers from the legislation. In the meantime, we are very grateful for the opportunity to continue to provide the highest risk youth and young adults in Oakland with alternatives to violence with programs that are demonstrating success. Do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

For a Safe Oakland,
Sara Bedford
City of Oakland, Policy and Planning Manager

Beginning the Process of Change - Jason's Story

California Youth Outreach (CYO) provides case management services to high risk youth and young adults in Central and East Oakland through the Street Outreach program. One of their clients is an Oakland youth named Jason. When Jason met his CYO case manager, he was a failing student at an area middle school. His parents were concerned that Jason would end up dead or in jail with the lifestyle he was leading. [Read about how Jason began his process of change here.](#)

"Measure Y Initiatives are beginning to move the needle towards positive change." - Measure Y Evaluators

Measure Y legislation requires a professional evaluation to assess how well policing and violence prevention services are implemented. Resource Development Associates and Gibson & Associates won a competitive process to evaluate Measure Y. Findings from the Measure Y Evaluation report for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and the Interim Fiscal Year 2009-2010 report include: Project Choice evaluation showed 45% **reduction in recidivism** for juveniles and 24% reduction for adults. Truancy and juvenile crime is **reduced** among participants. Nearly all eligible Oakland youth exiting Juvenile Hall were re-enrolled in an OUSD school or education program. The average reenrollment time shrunk from over a week to **just over one day**. Street Outreach worker presence appeared to reduce crime in the **areas targeted for outreach**. The crime rate in all four targeted areas was significantly lower on days when street outreach events were held. Programs are effectively engaging **high-risk individuals**, serving those with serious and offense histories. The Juvenile Justice Center/OUSD Wrap Around Services, Re-Entry and Employment and Street Outreach programs **align to best practices**. [Read the Measure Y Evaluation reports here.](#)

Measure Y Violence Prevention Programs Awarded Federal Grants for Expansion

The Department of Justice recently recognized the important work of the Measure Y violence prevention programs by awarding the City two important grants. The Community Based Violence Prevention Grant for \$2.2 million over three years will expand street outreach to serve more neighborhoods, provide support for a community anti-violence campaign engaging faith-based partners and community activists, and expand targeted interventions for gang members. This is a prestigious grant in which only 4 were awarded throughout the country and is clear recognition of the mature work that has been done by the violence prevention strategies.

In addition, the Measure Y funded Juvenile Justice Center strategy was awarded a Second Chance grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to further support connecting youth in juvenile hall with a home school and supporting them and their families in ensure school success. The City is also a partner in a Second Chance grant awarded to Alameda County Probation in which Oakland's Project Choice reentry program will be able to expand to serve young men returning home from Santa Rita jail. All of these grants were designed to build on the work of Measure Y. [For more information, read the press release.](#)

Questions? Comments? Have a story to share about your neighborhood? For more information, please visit us at www.MeasureY.org.

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Kevin Grant, Oakland Violence Prevention Coordinator, featured on Berkeley Law School Podcast

Last May, Kevin Grant was a guest on the Criminal Justice Conversations Podcast with David Onek. Grant discussed how he maintains credibility with both young people and law enforcement and how he fosters relationships with employers to help people with prior convictions find jobs, and more. [Listen here.](#)

Measure Y Oversight Committee

Meetings are open to the public and held the third Monday of the month at
Oakland City Hall
1 Frank Ogawa Plaza at 6:30pm

For more information, contact Jeff Baker, Assistant to the City Administrator, at jbaker@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3671.

Find out more!



News and information about Measure Y is available on [our Web Site](#).

Voicing Support

Measure Y violence prevention grantees and the people they serve came out to voice their support for continued funding at the May 25, 2010 City Council Public Safety Committee meeting. [View their comments here.](#)

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