



# Measure Y Newsletter



Your Measure Y Dollars at Work For a Safe Oakland

Summer, 2009

Dear Neighbor,

This is a seasonal newsletter designed to keep you informed about Measure Y, Oakland's Violence Prevention and Public Safety Initiative. If you know others who are interested in this information, please [forward it to a neighbor](#).

## Youth Alive! Helps Young Victims of Violence Turn Their Lives Around



The Youth Alive! Caught in the Crossfire program assists youth who have suffered violent injuries with the goal of reducing reducing retaliation, re-injury, and arrest. Last year, Youth Alive! provided case management to a student named "Marco." Marco had recently become detached from school and attracted to gang life after being violently assaulted in his neighborhood. [Read more about Marco's journey with Youth Alive! here.](#)

## After One Year of Operation, Oakland's Street Outreach Draws Praise

Photo by The Oakland Tribune



Since June of 2008, Measure Y-funded street outreach workers have spent their Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights walking the streets of Oakland's "hot spots" and offering advice about jobs, training, and education. Over the past year, these outreach workers have earned the trust of young men and women in Oakland communities and the respect of law enforcement, who credit their work to reductions in violence in many Oakland neighborhoods.

[Read the July 26 story in the Oakland Tribune](#)

[Read the May 27 story in the Oakland Tribune](#)

## Oakland Problem Solving Officers Help Fight Blight in a Central Oakland Neighborhood

Oakland problem solving officers are currently cleaning up a bank owned lot that had become a major blight issue for a Central Oakland neighborhood. The lot, which includes three detached houses, was overrun with trash, weeds, graffiti, broken glass, and abandoned vehicles. According to Problem Solving Officer Eric Castaneda, who has taken an active role in this project, neighborhood residents were alarmed by the presence of loiterers, squatters, and consistent traffic in and out of the abandoned homes. [Click here to read the full story](#)

## City Council Approves Measure Y Violence Prevention Funding Recommendations for FY 2009-12

On June 2, 2009, the Oakland City Council approved funding recommendations from the Department of Human Services and the Mayor's Office for Fiscal Year 2009-12 Measure Y Violence Prevention funds. Organizations are chosen to operate violence prevention programs through a competitive bid process every three years. For a complete list of Measure Y funded programs for the 2009-12 funding cycle, [click here](#).

Questions? Comments? Have a story to share about your neighborhood? For more information, please visit us at [www.MeasureY.org](http://www.MeasureY.org).

Sincerely,

The Measure Y Team

We are: Police, Fire, and Community Programs for a Safe Oakland

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### Project Choice Highlighted on CNN

Project Choice, a Measure Y grantee whose work supports parolees in Oakland, was recently highlighted on CNN. To read more about Project Choice and the story on CNN, [click here](#).

### We've updated our website!

Check out the updated Measure Y website for new success stories and updated reports on violence prevention in Oakland. Visit us at [www.measurey.org](http://www.measurey.org).

### Measure Y Oversight Committee

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

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

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