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MYOC Quarterly Report – September 2013

PSO hours

The committee was troubled by several things from a report on PSO hours (*attached*):

- During a six-month period, no PSO charged a full-time number of hours (1080) to Measure Y. Most PSOs charged less than three-quarters of their hours to Measure Y activities.

The committee continues to be concerned that PSOs be primarily assigned to beat activities and only rarely drawn off for emergency response.

OPD will end year with a \$2 million personnel surplus

At the July MYOC meeting, a revenue and expense report presented by Felicia Silva of the OPD Fiscal Services Division revealed that OPD will end FY 2013 with approximately \$2 million in unspent money for Measure Y police personnel. (See attached report.) Ms. Silva was not able to give an explanation for the unspent amount, but in response to questions, she reported that last year's budget had a similar \$2m surplus.

While OPD struggles to keep officers on the street in general and to keep PSOs in their beats in particular, every available resource should be used to its capacity. OPD should either produce a reasonable explanation for the surplus or create a plan to spend it on increased staffing.

Violence prevention programs are broadly effective for individuals

The 2011-12 evaluation of Measure Y violence prevention programs showed that individuals enrolled in Measure Y funded violence prevention programs had reduced rates of recidivism and better connections to school and work. For example, the JJC program strategies enrolled more than 75% of youth exiting the JJC back in school, and the five agencies providing wraparound case management for JJC youth reduced the number of clients re-arrested by more than 60%.

The committee believes that these programs are a valuable and an effective component of Oakland's crime and violence prevention strategy in both the short and long term.

MYOC is discussing a new parcel tax measure

Our committee has scheduled time on each month's agenda to discuss issues relating to efforts to crafting a new violence prevention parcel tax to replace Measure Y. We are developing our views about what should be funded in a new measure and look forward to bringing those back to City Council at a future time. We invite members of the public to share with us their priorities and desires for a new violence prevention measure.

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