

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CIRCULATE PETITION

Notice is hereby given of the intention by the persons whose names appear hereon to circulate the petition within the City of Oakland for the purpose of maintaining essential city services and the city's fiscal stability by replacing an expiring property assessment with a lower one, thereby reducing taxes for a majority of Oakland homeowners.

A statement of the reasons for the proposed action as contemplated in the petition is as follows:

INTRODUCTION. City budget deficits, homeless encampments, violent crime, and gun violence are serious issues in Oakland. With federal takeaways of local funds and the cost of living continuing to rise, Oaklanders want city government to maintain—and prevent cuts to—core public safety and community services.

The **Oakland Public Safety, Cleanliness and Community Accountability Act of 2026** will address these challenges in a fiscally responsible and accountable manner. This measure will prevent cuts to the services residents rely on, while resulting in lower taxes for thousands of Oakland homeowners.

DESIGNATED SPENDING PRIORITIES. By law, funds generated by the measure can only be spent on the uses designated by Oakland residents and specified in the Act, *and not for any other purposes*. The designated priorities of the measure are as follows.

Protecting 911 Fire and Emergency Medical Response Times. Preventing 911 emergency response times from increasing; keeping fire stations open; preventing cuts to fire protection service; maintaining disaster preparedness measures; and conducting fire inspections.

Addressing Crime and Safety. Preventing and responding to violent crimes, burglaries, and smash/grabs; conducting crime investigations; reducing gun violence; maintaining community-based policing and crime prevention programs.

Developing Solutions to Homelessness. Reducing and removing encampments by connecting unhoused people with housing, addiction, and mental health services; providing temporary shelter, transitional housing; and referrals to County services and nonprofit programs.

Improving Oakland's Cleanliness. Addressing illegal dumping, litter, and trash on city streets, sidewalks, and parks; removing debris, graffiti, and abandoned items from public spaces; deploying rapid-response and public works cleaning teams to improve cleanliness and safety.

STRINGENT FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY. By replacing an expiring property assessment with a lower one, the measure reduces property taxes for a majority of Oakland homeowners. The measure's fiscal accountability requirements include: 1) Public disclosure of all spending; 2) Independent audits and citizen oversight, including establishment of a new Public Safety, Cleanliness and Community Accountability Commission to monitor spending; and 3) Low-income exemptions, including for seniors.

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Date