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Oakland community calls for violence prevention solutions, more police funding at council meeting



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Neighbors,

In this email we will be covering:

- Neighbors showed up and made their voices heard at the 9/19 Council meeting
- Rockridge neighbors organized a successful event centered on organizing for public safety
- How you can do the same!

On 9/19, Neighbors showed up en masse to this week's City Council meeting to demand accountability the current state of lawlessness and the egregiously missed deadline for millions in crime prevention funds.

As Neighbors peacefully entered the chambers of City Hall with signs demanding a safe, livable city, security, under orders from the administration, tried to remove our first amendment rights and ban our signs. There is no municipal code that prevents us from bringing handheld signs into Council meetings. We would like to thank D7 Council member [Trevia Reid](#) for rectifying the matter and advocating on our behalf, ensuring our rights to peaceful assembly were respected.

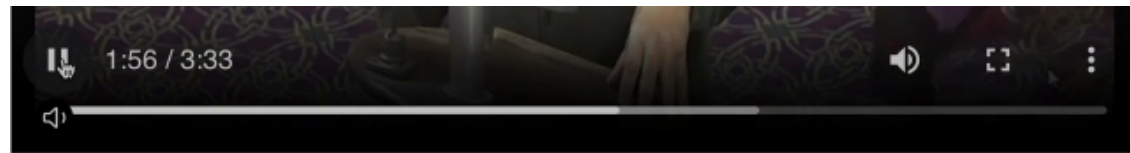
Both [CBS](#) and [KTVU](#) covered our activism, highlighting the desperation for change felt all over our city and forcing the voices of Neighbors to be heard over those of ideological zealots and special interest groups. We have included some videos of NTO leaders speeches to the Council below.



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Rockridge Neighbors Community Safety Event



Half of the room filled 30 minutes before the meeting began!

On 9/20, over 70 Rockridge Neighbors came together to listen to NTO Leaders talk about their experiences organizing their communities to advocate actionable solutions for a safe, livable city. Two of the current candidates for D1 City Council stopped by to talk to neighbors, [Len Raphael](#) and [Shantell Herndon](#). We would like to thank both of them for their engagement with their community and our organization.

At the meeting, neighbors were attentive and focused on solutions, following our three main rules:

- Be respectful
- No commiserating
- Be succinct

Those rules set the tone for an incredibly focused, solutions oriented event.

We would also like to send our sincerest gratitude to Chinatown Chamber of Commerce head Carl Chan who came by to say hello and discussed the possibility of a one day, city wide business strike in protest of the current administration's utter failure to protect Neighbors and local businesses.

Our next neighbors town hall for solutions will be in East Oakland. Details TBA soon. If you and your neighbors would like to schedule a similar event in your community, please reach out to andrew@neighborstogetheroakland.org.

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JOIN US FOR A
TOWN HALL MEETING

THURSDAY
28 SEPTEMBER, 2023

START AT
06:30PM

OAKLAND CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1 FRANK H. OGAWA PLAZA, OAKLAND, CA 94612

CHIEF OF POLICE SEARCH

SHOULD THE OAKLAND POLICE COMMISSION RECOMMEND LERONNE ARMSTRONG BE REINSTATED AS CHIEF OF POLICE?

SHARE YOUR VOICE!

TOWN HALL IS PART OF REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING. BROWN ACT RULES AND ADA ACCOMMODATIONS APPLY. 1-2 MINUTES PER SPEAKER DEPENDING ON ATTENDEE NUMBER

SUBMIT WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS TO:
OPC@OAKLANDCOMMISSION.ORG

For more information
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NTO will be attending this important town hall meeting. It is crucial we show up to drown out the voices of those who will come to attack Armstrong's candidacy for Chief!



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west oakland cultural action network

KID FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES!

FREE FOOD | STORYTELLING PAVILION | WELLNESS PAVILION
VENDORS | RAFFLES | LIVE MUSIC | DJS | GAMES

SAT 9/30
11AM - 4PM
BROCKHURST ST.
(BETWEEN SAN PABLO & MARKET)

West Coast Blues Society
OAKBLWT@GMAIL.COM

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NTO will be tabling at the Land is Liberation Blues and Culture Festival on 9/30

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