



Police Reform

Steph supports Measure S1, which will provide the Police Commission the resources it requires to fulfil its important mandate.

The police are tasked to do too much for matters that are not within their expertise. Poverty, mental illness, joblessness, substance abuse and structural racism are root causes of gun violence in Oakland. We can address these problems by reallocating funds from OPD to trauma and mental health services, job training, and restorative justice programs.

Steph supported Council member Bas' proposal to reduce OPD's budget by \$25 million because she believes this would not compromise public safety. To the contrary, Oakland will become safer as it becomes healthier and more prosperous.

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