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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 7:26 PM
To: Office of the Director of Police Accountability
Subject: Commendation

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To the Police Accountability Board:

I would like to say a good word for Officer Semir Muratovic, who responded to a call I made this afternoon during a hostile encounter with a person who is living in a vehicle at San Pablo Park.

Officer Muratovic talked with me and a neighbor who witnessed part of the encounter, then with the vehicle dweller, and again with me by phone. He was understanding and supportive, explaining our respective rights and what I may do in case of further trouble. Officer Muratovic dealt with the situation in a markedly straightforward, skillful and humane way. I am grateful for his work, and I hope the Board will recognize the importance of such an officer to me and my neighbors, as well as to the city as a whole.

Thank you,

District 3

Lee, Katherine

From: Louis, Jennifer A.
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2022 2:14 PM
To: Lee, Katherine
Subject: Police Budget Presentation

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Here is the link to the agenda for the police budget presentation to Budget and Finance:

[2022-04-28 Agenda Packet - Budget.pdf \(dropbox.com\)](#)

The police item is on the agenda for 12:30 – 2:00 pm.

Here is the zoom info:

To access the meeting remotely using the internet: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device: Use URL-
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84955908549>

Jen Louis
Interim Chief of Police
Berkeley Police Department

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From: Works-Wright, Jamie
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 9:25 AM
To: Lee, Katherine
Cc: Margaret Fine (margaretcарolfine@gmail.com)
Subject: FW: MHC Program 4/28, 7 pm - Exploring a Diversion Approach to People Experiencing a Behavioral Health Crisis in Berkeley & Access to Crisis Services

Hello Kathy,

This email is on behalf of Margaret Fine MHC Chair, would you kindly provide the email below to the PAB members?

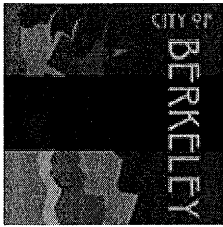
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From: Margaret Fine <margaretcарolfine@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, April 22, 2022 5:40 PM

To: Works-Wright, Jamie <JWorks-Wright@cityofberkeley.info>

Subject: MHC Program 4/28, 7 pm - Exploring a Diversion Approach to People Experiencing a Behavioral Health Crisis in Berkeley & Access to Crisis Services

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Hello Everyone---

We are making a public announcement about the April program at the Mental Health Commission:

"Exploring a Diversion Approach to People Experiencing Behavioral Health Crises in Berkeley, California and Access to Crisis Services," Thursday, April 28, 7 pm

Zoom Link: [https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Health_Human_Services/Level_3 - Mental Health/Draft%20Agenda%20April %2028 2022%20agenda.pdf](https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Health_Human_Services/Level_3_-_Mental_Health/Draft%20Agenda%20April_%202022%20agenda.pdf)

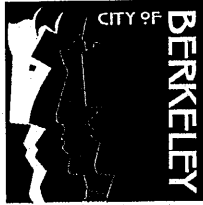
In the City of Berkeley, the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) responds to behavioral health calls through the BPD Public Safety Communications Center—the primary answering point for 911 and non-911 calls in the city. Some calls involve people who may be a clear and present danger to themselves or others, or gravely disabled—the state law standard for involuntarily committing a person up to 72 hours in California. Under this law, authorized persons—including police officers and certain mental health professionals—may detain a person upon finding probable cause according to this standard. CA WIC Code § 5150.

This public program is designed to:

- review the 5150 standard and the role of police in addressing 5150 calls for service, when the co-responding police and mobile crisis team is not operating--including numbers of 5150 calls, assessments, and involuntary commitments;
- understand the city and county crisis services available that offer diversion options for Berkeley people who do not meet the 5150 standard and seek voluntary crisis care services—including for crisis stabilization, sobering and detoxification centers, crisis and post-crisis peer services and peer respite; and
- discuss how crisis service providers may coordinate with police to provide voluntary services as diversion options when possible.

Speakers:

- Captain Joe Okies and Lt. Melanie Turner, Berkeley Police Department (134K population)
- Stephanie Lewis, Division Director Crisis Services Alameda County Behavioral Health—mapping the county crisis services system (1.6M population)
- Katrina Killian, Executive Director for Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients--discussing crisis and post-crisis peer services and peer respite
- Francesca Tenenbaum, Director of Patients' Rights Advocacy, Alameda County Mental Health Association
- Jeff Buell, Crisis Services Program Supervisor for the co-responding police and mobile crisis team to answer any questions that arise



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
OF POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

April 27, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Michael Chang, ^{MCM, 192} Chairperson, Police Accountability Board
Re: Budget Proposal for Police Accountability Work

The City of Berkeley's newly created Police Accountability Board urges you to support the Berkeley voters' mission of expanded police oversight by voting in favor of the Police Accountability Board's first budget request. This budget includes the addition to the current staff of a second investigator and a data analyst to the Office of the Director of Police Accountability. This staffing is needed by the Board to accomplish its many and varied responsibilities mandated by the Charter Amendment creating the Board and the Office.

The Board has been reviewing Berkeley Police Department policies, regulations and practices and has been getting advice and training from policing experts from within and from outside the BPD. We depend on staff research and review of applicable laws, data, and policing statistics to evaluate what are best policing practices. We are reviewing complaints, which depend on the investigations and findings of the Director of Police Accountability and the Office's one investigator. Their recommendations, in turn, depend upon not only the results of investigations (witness interviews, review of body camera footage, gathering photographic evidence and more) but also the application of their research of laws, statistics and policing practices.

The Director and the Office are providing outstanding service to the Board. However, in order to keep up with the Charter's mandates, the best and most thoroughly investigated and researched recommendations require the requested additions. With these added positions the Board can continue to make the best decisions and recommendations to the Chief of Police and to you, our City Council.

Board Members have contributed many hours to begin this mission. We are eager to continue our tasks with the support we feel is essential to keep pace with what we hope to accomplish in the future. With increased staffing the PAB, in collaboration with the Department of Police Accountability, will be able to do this. For that reason, we are requesting the funding for the addition of one investigator and one data analyst to the Office of the Director of Police Accountability. With these additions, the Board's mandates will continue to be meaningfully fulfilled.

Mayor and City Councilmembers
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The PAB approved communicating its support to you by unanimous consent at its April 13, 2022, meeting: (Moved/seconded – Calavita/Harris.)

cc: Police Accountability Board Members