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Asha Reed, City Clerk  
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza  
Oakland, CA 94612

**RE: Impartial Financial Analysis for the Oakland Community Violence Reduction and Emergency Response Act of 2024**

Dear City Clerk Reed:

Enclosed is the impartial financial analysis for the *Oakland Community Violence Reduction and Emergency Response Act of 2024* measure for the November 2024 election.

The Office of the City Auditor (Office) prepared this analysis in accordance with Municipal Code Section 3.08.210, which requires the Office to prepare an impartial financial analysis of each measure qualifying for ballot placement.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [MHouston@oaklandca.gov](mailto:MHouston@oaklandca.gov), or Assistant City Auditor Eduardo Luna at [ELuna@oaklandca.gov](mailto:ELuna@oaklandca.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MCHouston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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# CITY AUDITOR’S IMPARTIAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE

## BALLOT TITLE:

Oakland Community Violence Reduction and Emergency Response Act of 2024

### Summary

This measure would extend and increase an existing parcel tax and a parking tax surcharge for a period of nine years to fund police, fire, and violence prevention services. This ordinance would replace the Public Safety and Services Violence Prevention Oversight and Accountability Commission with the Oakland Public Safety Planning and Oversight Commission.

### Financial Analysis

The City Administration estimates this measure would generate approximately \$47.4 million annually. The measure would require the revenue generated to be spent on direct services, programs, and strategies designed to achieve violence reduction and public safety goals and metrics, as well as administrative fees and expenses, such as a budget auditor and administrative costs charged by Alameda County. Because the measure allows the use of revenue collected to cover administrative expenses, we anticipate that the City would not incur additional or new costs. The measure would also require that the City meet certain minimum staffing requirements for sworn police officers and prohibit laying off sworn police officers and firefighters below specified levels. We estimate that the cost to the City of adding sufficient sworn positions to the currently budgeted number would be less than the amount of revenue the City would generate for that purpose, therefore we do not anticipate the City would net any additional costs.

### Parcel Tax Cost:

The measure would increase property owners’ annual taxes:

Property Type	Annual Cost Under Existing Parcel Tax	Annual Cost Under Proposed Parcel Tax
Single Family Residential	\$133.45 per property	\$198 per property
Multiple Residential Unit	\$91.17 per unit	\$132 per unit
Non-Residential Properties	Based on frontage and total square feet to determine the equivalent number of single family properties, multiplied by \$68.35	Based on frontage and total square feet to determine the equivalent number of single family properties, multiplied by \$198

Certain very low income and senior households are exempt, the tax rate for affordable housing is reduced, and rebates are provided to tenants in certain situations. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2025-26, which starts July 2025, increases to these tax rates would be limited to cost-of-living adjustments. Additional changes could not be made without voter approval.

### Parking Tax Cost:

The parking tax surcharge would increase to 10 percent from 8.5 percent and would be imposed on every commercial parking space in the City for nine years starting January 1, 2025.

This analysis is based on the best information available at this time.

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