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### **OHA Schedules Public Hearing for Reaccreditation of Housing Authority Police Department**

Oakland, CA—Members of the community are invited to attend a public hearing Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to offer comments regarding the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) Police Department. The forum is part of an on-site assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®).

The public hearing is a component of a voluntary process to gain accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, according to Chief of Police Carel Duplessis. Accreditation is awarded for three years during which time the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited. OHA's police force was originally accredited in 1999; again in 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011 and 2014 following a similar procedure. The 6:30 P.M. hearing will be held on the Oakland Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Room, 1619 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA 94601.

Individuals who are not able to attend, but who would like to provide comments are invited to do so by calling (510) 535-3164 between 1:00 PM and 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup>. Telephone comments and appearances at the public hearing are limited to 5 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA® standards. To review a copy of the standards, please call Sergeant Paul Malech of the OHA Police Department at (510) 535-3154.

Those who wish to offer written comments about OHA Police Department may write to the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

The assessment team members are: Team Leader (Ret) Chief Daniel Boring, of the Culpeper, VA Police Department and Team Member Lieutenant David Dishong of the

Nebraska State Patrol. They will be examining all aspects of the department's policy and procedures, management, operations and support services to verify that the police department meets the commission's standards. Once the CALEA Assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to be granted reaccreditation status. For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®), write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155 or [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org).

### **About Oakland Housing Authority (OHA)**

The Oakland Housing Authority is the largest provider of affordable housing in the City of Oakland and proudly delivers diverse housing choices to over 16,400 households in a service-oriented environment, while improving and expanding housing options for future generations. For more information about the OHA, please contact us at [info@oakha.org](mailto:info@oakha.org), visit our website at [www.oakha.org](http://www.oakha.org), or call 510-874-1653.

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