



Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition

To: Council President Kaplan and City Councilmembers

From: [Measure DD Community Coalition](#)

Date: May 25, 2020

RE: Request for Answers re Use of Measure Q Funds in the Proposed FY '20-'21 budget

At your Special Council meeting on Tuesday, May 26, the Measure DD Coalition requests that you ask staff for written answers to the following questions regarding use of Measure Q funds in the proposed FY '20-'21 budget.

Based on the Budget Documents published on May 22, 2020 at item 3 of your agenda, it is not possible to confirm that the Maintenance of Effort for each of the designated uses – parks maintenance, homelessness services, clean water -- is in place. We are particularly concerned about the use of parks maintenance funds as they impact the improvements funded by Measure DD. Please ask that the staff report provide documentation for the items below:

1. In order to determine Maintenance of Effort, additional information is needed on all funding in the FY '20-'21 proposed Mid-Cycle Budget for these services with funding source and a comparison chart with the FY '19-'20 Adopted Budget. This will form the baseline for the next 20 years of Measure Q, and is critical to determining whether this budget will be found to be in compliance with the provisions of the parcel tax's enabling legislation as determined in City Auditor and financial audits (Section 4. B and 4.C).
2. The “assumed amount” of Measure Q (Fund 2244) funds being used for existing staff and O & M was about \$7 million dollars. This was funded with “one time” funding in the FY '19-'20 adopted budget of \$8 million dollars, leaving about \$1 million dollars to come from funds other than LLAD (2310) or Measure Q (2244). Please ask staff to define the funding that meets the requirements in the Maintenance of Effort language in the bond measure.
3. Administration. Measure Q allocates 1% of the Budget to Administration, and this would be \$233,500 for FY '20-'21 Mid-cycle Budget (Section 3(C)(1). Based on a review of the proposed budget, the administrative costs appear to be \$861K, far exceeding the 1% Allocation in Measure Q per Section 3 (C) (1). Please ask staff to provide a chart showing all allocations of funds in Measure Q for Administration.
4. Oversight. As an oversight committee for Measure DD, we are concerned about citizen oversight of Measure Q expenditures. Please advise when an existing board or commission will be charged with this responsibly.

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Agenda Committee of the Oakland Measure DD Community Coalition