



CITY OF PIEDMONT
Resolution No. 3-14

Establishing a Public Safety Committee

WHEREAS, as with most Bay Area cities, crime has increased in Piedmont and residents desire a continuing partnership with their Police Department; In addition, the Bay Area is prone to natural disasters and the need for residents to partner with their Fire Department to enhance disaster preparedness is clear and vital; and

WHEREAS, the facilitation of these partnerships is in the best interests of both the City of Piedmont and its residents; and

WHEREAS, with Resolution 10-10, the City Council created a Public Safety Committee to enhance these partnerships with specific charges to increase awareness of public safety, specifically crime prevention and disaster preparedness issues, establish a formal program to increase outreach to neighborhoods, increase coordination between the police and fire departments, and find funding sources for these efforts; and

WHEREAS, mindful of the important work completed by the Public Safety Committee, the City Council extended the time for the committee to complete its work with Resolution 25-11 and further granted the committee an additional two years with Resolution 19-12, extending until April 1, 2014 the expiration date of the committee; and

WHEREAS, for its entire existence, the Public Safety Committee has had a great impact in achieving its goals, including a significant increase in the number of crime prevention and disaster preparedness community meetings held by the Police and Fire Departments around the city, as well as the creation of a city-wide emergency notification system, and three highly successful events held in conjunction with the annual Harvest Festival; and

WHEREAS, in order to allow the committee to continue its highly successful work in each of its assigned areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Piedmont does hereby resolve, declare, determine and order as follows:

SECTION 1. The Public Safety Committee is hereby established as a permanent standing committee of the City of Piedmont.

SECTION 2. The efforts of the Public Safety Committee shall be focused on the following areas:

1. Investigate ways to increase public participation in crime reduction strategies, including but not limited to the following:

- Neighborhood meetings
 - City-wide meetings
 - School events
 - Web-based and other community networks
2. Increase public participation in disaster preparedness using the resources of the Public Safety Committee. Members of the Committee shall directly work to organize increased public participation of those programs/events approved by the Public Safety Committee.
 3. Provide a forum to share comments, issues or concerns regarding public safety issues, including but not limited to crime prevention, community outreach and disaster preparedness education and training.

SECTION 3. The Piedmont Public Safety Committee shall suggest achievable, low cost, short-term and long-term actions that the City and its residents may take to facilitate its goals.

SECTION 4. The Public Safety Committee shall be comprised of not fewer than seven and not more than nine voting members. Four to six members shall be residents appointed by the City Council. One Member shall be a member of the Board of Education or a resident designee appointed by the Board. The remaining two members shall be the Chief of Police (or designee) and the Fire Chief (or designee). All members shall be voting members. The City Council shall endeavor to appoint a diverse committee, using factors including but not limited to gender, age, background, and place of residence as considerations for selecting members.

SECTION 5. The City Council shall appoint one of the residents to serve as Committee Chair. The Chair shall participate in the interviews and selection of committee members.

SECTION 6. Members of the Public Safety Committee appointed by the City Council shall be appointed to three-year terms and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms. The member of the Board of Education shall serve a term of one year. The Chief of Police and Fire Chief shall serve as long as they hold their position.

SECTION 7. In order to ensure historic perspective, the appointments in 2014 will be staggered as follows: The Committee Chair and one resident member shall be appointed to a term of three years. Two of the resident members shall be appointed to terms of two years. The final two resident members shall be appointed to a term of one year.

SECTION 8. The Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis unless, in the opinion of the Committee Chair, specific events or concerns dictate the necessity for additional meetings. The meeting dates will occur on a set date and time as collaboratively determined based on the schedules of its members.

SECTION 9. In its annual budget request to the City Council, the Fire Department shall include a line item entitled “Public Safety Committee” which shall be sufficient to cover reasonable expenses for the committee to carry out its duties.

SECTION 10. The Committee shall comply with the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code §54950 et seq.) including, but not limited to notice, agenda posting, and public participation requirements.

SECTION 11. The Committee is an advisory body to the City Council and is not an independent decision-making body. All of its recommendations regarding public safety are subject to discussion and approval of the City Council.

SECTION 12. The Committee will not advise or make recommendations on public safety procedure or personnel matters and shall limit its discussions to the three areas stated in Section 2. Its focus shall be on tangible, practical, cost-effective actions that can be implemented at the local level.



I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Piedmont City Council on January 6, 2014, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Chiang, Fujioka, Keating, McBain, Wieler
Noes:	None
Absent/Abstain:	None

Attest: _____
John O. Tulloch, City Clerk