

# GET INVOLVED

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*Demand that OPD be defunded and dismantled,  
with funding redirected back to the  
community.*

## DONATE, VOLUNTEER, AMPLIFY:

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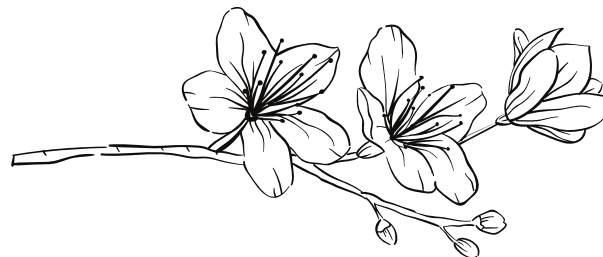
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[HTTP://AWORLDWITHOUTPOLICE.ORG](http://aworldwithoutpolice.org)

[HTTPS://WWW.MPD150.COM/  
RESOURCES/](https://www.mpd150.com/resources/)

[HTTPS://FIVETHIRTYEIGHT.COM/FEAT  
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# A world without police?

DEFUNDING,  
DISARMING, DISMANTLING,  
& ABOLISHING THE POLICE  
IN OAKLAND, CA



June 2020

## WHY WE NEED TO

# ABOLISH POLICE



- **POLICE ARE DRAINING RESOURCES FROM OUR COMMUNITY**  
The Oakland Police Department (OPD) receives 44% of Oakland's budget, or \$318 million. That's more than education, transportation, violence prevention, libraries, race & equity, and housing combined. Much of this funding goes towards unnecessary militarization - the OPD used its BearCat to evict homeless mothers in January this year. As of 2014, only 9% of Oakland police lived in Oakland.
- **POLICE ARE OVER-UTILIZED**  
Police are used as a catch-all for dealing with homelessness, addiction, mental health crises, domestic violence, and more, when their training is focused on treating threats with use of force.
- **POLICE DON'T MAKE US SAFER**  
The number of police in Oakland has no impact on crime rates. OPD directs a disturbing amount of resources to patrolling and terrorizing communities of color, while wealthy white communities receive far less attention.
- **POLICE ARE KILLING US**  
OPD has a violent record of abusing Black communities, disproportionately targeting, arresting, and murdering people of color. Those officers are often not fired but stay in the force.

## WHY

# REFORM ISN'T ENOUGH

- **THE PROBLEM IS POWER, NOT REGULATION**  
Reforms like body cameras, more training, and regulating use of force, *increase* funding for police departments, and fail to prevent police violence and murder.
- **POLICE WERE FOUNDED TO ENFORCE VIOLENCE, NOT TO SERVE & PROTECT**  
Modern police forces directly descend from American slave patrols and were also used to suppress and terrorize indigenous people, strikebreakers, and poor people. Today, police remain focused on protecting property and terrorizing people of color, and police departments harbor an alarming number of white supremacists in their ranks.



WE CANNOT REFORM A  
FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED SYSTEM  
DESIGNED TO INFLICT RACIST  
VIOLENCE

WE MUST ABOLISH IT

## WHAT COMES NEXT?

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- **DECRIMINALIZE NONVIOLENT CRIME**  
Most violations that OPD deals with are nonviolent and disproportionately applied to marginalized people. Decriminalize substance use and possession, sex work, loitering, sleeping in public, minor traffic violations, and targeting undocumented immigrants.
- **REINVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY, ADDRESS ROOT CAUSES**  
Most crime isn't random, and is rooted in human need. We can use the vast resources wasted on OPD terrorizing our community into actually taking care of our community through investing in jobs, housing, transportation, education, health care, mental health care, and youth programs.
- **A BETTER COMMUNITY**  
Support local Oakland organizations building a future without police *right now*.

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

