

Oakland Public Ethics Commission

## **Complaint Form**

### Contact Information of the Person Making The Complaint

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### Type of Alleged Violation

Oakland Government Ethics Act - Use of City-compensated time for for personal or non-City purposes.

### Description of Violation

Name of the person or persons you are alleging committed a violation:

Trevelyan Jones, Captain, Oakland Police Department, City of Oakland, Email: [tjones@oaklandca.gov](mailto:tjones@oaklandca.gov)

### The Facts of the Alleged Violation:

Police captain Jones appeared remotely at at least two community outreach meetings convened by Shotspotter LLC at their invitation during city-compensated time as a law enforcement officer employed by the City of Oakland.

Shotspotter LLC is a manufacturer of gunshot detection software an predictive analytics for law enforcement agencies and a vendor to the City of Oakland.

Shotspotter LLC convened community meetings in the City of Portland (11+ hours away from Oakland via car) for the purpose of convincing city residents to support the city's adoption of their products.

It was stated that Captain Jones attended the sessions at the invitation of the vendor.

At one of the community meetings, Jones excused himself due to “police business” so it seems reasonable that he was on the job at the time of the meetings and not on vacation or personal time.

Jones appeared on the Zoom screen underneath an OPD logo and in uniform.

There is no direct benefit to the City of Oakland by the adoption of a lucrative contract for Shotspotter LLC by the City of Portland. The interests represented are those of the private vendor.

According to Transparent California, captain Jones billed the City of Oakland over \$60,000 in overtime in calendar year 2021.

Names and Addresses of Witnesses.

A reporter for Oregon National Public Radio (NPR) was in attendance at one of the community meetings in question. He has not been consulted in the preparation of this complaint.

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Additional Information:

We are attaching a screenshot from one of the Shotspotter LLC-convened community meetings confirming the attendance of captain Jones under an OPD logo on November 18, 2022.

We would simply like to establish that City of Oakland employees are not at the disposal of private vendors to the City to assist the vendors with securing contracts in other locations.

Verification:

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that my attached statements are true and correct.

Executed on at:

(Date) December 20, 2022 (City, State) Oakland, California

*Tracy Rosenberg*

(Signature)

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