



For the past 8 years, Jean Quan has been one of the **Council's strongest advocates for community policing**. She **helped pass Measure Y** which assigns an officer to every local beat and helps reduce crime through **violence prevention** programs. She works to **save and expand the neighborhood services coordinator** program that links neighborhood groups with city services.

So why is Jean being attacked?

As reporters say... "Follow the money!!!"

June 23, 2010

Cops' Union Attacks Quan

By Robert Gammon, *East Bay Express*

The Oakland police union began robo-calling Oakland residents yesterday, blaming Councilwoman Jean Quan for the city's plan to lay off cops — even though she is not the driving force behind the layoff plan. The automated calls provide residents with Quan's council office phone number and urge people to phone her and tell her not to put Oakland "lives at risk." The calls represent a new escalation in the battle over whether police should begin contributing to their own pensions or face layoffs. And because they single out Quan, the union's actions appear to be political since she is running against the police union's favored candidate — Don Perata, who has taken up the union's cause in this debate.

June 29, 2010

In Oakland, Perata Supporters Tied to Mailers on Police Cuts

By Kelly Rayburn, *Oakland Tribune*

A group of organizations and individuals with long-standing ties to mayoral candidate and former state Sen. Don Perata are among those behind mailers attacking four City Council members after the council voted Thursday to lay off 80 police officers, records show.

The pieces hit mailboxes late last week and Monday after the council's vote on a 2010-11 budget plan and in the middle of negotiations between the city and the Oakland Police Officers Association aimed at securing concessions from the union and possibly saving jobs.

June 29, 2010

The Perata Gang that Couldn't Shoot Straight

By Robert Gammon, *East Bay Express*

If the events of recent days are any indication, Don Perata's candidacy for mayor is off to a very shaky start. Not only have the major dailies noted the many ties between the ex-state senator and a shadowy political group that blanketed the city with two political hit pieces over the weekend. But the glossy mailers sent by the Perata-linked group — Coalition for a Safer California — are full of ridiculous errors that raise serious doubts about the intellectual capacity of Perata's close associates, while offering potential insight to how a Perata mayor's office would function.

July 14, 2010

Video Undermines Police “Probe” of Kaplan and Quan

By Robert Gammon, *East Bay Express*

Video of the Johannes Mehserle verdict protests appear to undermine the decision by Oakland police to “investigate” Councilwomen Jean Quan and Rebecca Kaplan for allegedly obstructing police business. In this piece from Bay Citizen, a joint venture of the New York Times and UC Berkeley’s Graduate School of Journalism, Kaplan is clearly shown yelling at an anarchist who had thrown an object at police, while Quan is urging others to form a line separating the angry anarchists from police.

As the Express has previously reported, Kaplan and Quan also were attempting to create a buffer between marching police officers and peaceful demonstrators who were still at the intersection of Broadway and 14th Street. The councilwomen helped slow down the advancing police line, thereby giving peaceful protesters a chance to leave the area, once police had declared the protests an “unlawful assembly.”

In other words, the so-called police “investigation” appears to be nothing more than a political stunt aimed at hurting the councilwomen’s chances in this year’s mayor’s race — while helping the police union’s favored candidate, ex-state Senator Don Perata. The probe also smells of political payback, since both Quan and Kaplan had been outspoken about police not contributing to their pensions, while Perata has steadfastly remained in the cops’ union’s corner.



See the video for yourself at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dL6wa49_Kiw&feature=player_embedded

July 15, 2010

Quan: Mehserle Protest ‘Investigation’ Is Spin

By Richard Parks, *Bay Citizen*

Quan said she spoke on Thursday with Oakland Police Chief Anthony Batts, who assured her that no criminal investigation has been launched, outside of a general inquiry into the night’s events, during which hundreds of protesters and police flooded the streets of downtown Oakland.

For more information about Jean’s work for a better Oakland, please visit:
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