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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Update from the City of Oakland on Decampment of Frank Ogawa Plaza—3 pm

Oakland, CA – This morning at 4:30 am, the Oakland Police Department enforced the “Notice of Violations and Demand to Cease Violations” issued on Friday, November 11, to persons staying overnight in Frank Ogawa Plaza. The operation went smoothly and peacefully. Below is a summary of some operational details:

Clean-Up Activities at Frank Ogawa Plaza

- The encampment at Frank Ogawa Plaza has been cleared and the Plaza has been contained.
- 80 Public Works Agency staff members are in the process of clearing debris and possessions from Frank Ogawa Plaza and power-washing the hardscaped areas. The process is about 95% complete.
- Most of the items left in the Plaza were large blue tarps, wood pallets, food scraps, wet clothing, and bedding items. Most items were taped up and in very poor condition and were disposed of.
- There is no estimate yet on the tonnage of debris removed from the Plaza or the number of items collected from the Plaza and tagged for return to the campers. More information about the retrieval process for valuables left in Ogawa Plaza can be found on the City's homepage at www.oaklandnet.com, under Occupy Oakland updates.
- Public Works staff has begun raking the wood chips and hay from the Ogawa Plaza and will then test the irrigation system. These are necessary steps to begin the lawn restoration process.
- The City of Oakland anticipates re-opening Frank Ogawa Plaza to the public today between 4 and 6 pm.
- Going forward, the Plaza will be open for peaceful demonstrations and assemblies, but **lodging will be strictly prohibited**.

Police Operations

- There has been one additional arrest this afternoon, bringing the total arrests to 33, 9 of whom are Oakland residents.
- Mutual aid from this morning's operation has concluded.
- All streets are open with the exception of 14th Street between Broadway and Clay.
- The Oakland Police Department is prepared to facilitate a peaceful assembly for the rally slated to assemble at the Main Library at 4pm today. Should the crowd's actions warrant, OPD is prepared to take enforcement action to prevent the destruction of property.
- Mutual aid is available to assist this evening, if necessary. The City will maintain a strong police presence at Frank Ogawa Plaza 24/7 and is pursuing other security alternatives for the future.
- Activities at Snow Park are being monitored. There are approximately 25 tents. Demonstrators have been very peaceful. The Snow Park encampment will also be cleared in the near future.

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Homeless Services

- The City of Oakland has made arrangements to open the Winter Shelter at the former Oakland Army Base today, a day earlier than originally announced.
- Outreach teams from the City and Operation Dignity will be in Snow Park and Frank Ogawa Plaza this afternoon to provide homeless shelter vouchers and transportation for those in the encampments who require shelter.

Cost Estimates

- The estimated cost for today's mutual aid is between \$300,000 and \$500,000.
- Since this was a planned response, the City of Oakland will reimburse the seven law enforcement agencies that provided mutual aid this morning. The funds to cover these mutual aid expenses will come from the City's Reserve Fund. Existing City services will not be impacted by the funds used to pay for mutual aid.
- The City is calculating costs associated with OPD overtime related to this morning's operation.
- The City of Oakland continues to calculate the costs related to the General Strike that occurred November 2-3.
- We understand the public's interest in the costs associated with the City's response over the past month and are committed to provide accurate information in a timely and transparent manner. It is important to provide accurate totals and it will take additional time to calculate those totals.

Recap of this Morning's Enforcement

- There was no use of force and no injuries to citizens or officers.
- Mutual aid was provided by seven law enforcement agencies, including: Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, San Francisco Police Department, Hayward Police Department, Fremont Police Department and San Leandro Police Department. Although other cities' police departments were present, they were coordinated by the counties in which they are located.
- **City offices surrounding the Plaza (150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza and City Hall) will resume normal business hours tomorrow.**

Media Parking

- There will be no parking of media vehicles inside the Frank Ogawa Plaza area, and no parking in red zones in the vicinity of 14th and Broadway.

It is anticipated that there will be a media briefing later this evening at the Emergency Operations Center at 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. Details will be forthcoming.

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