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Weekend Demonstration Planned for Downtown Oakland

The City of Oakland has learned that a demonstration is taking place in downtown Oakland on Saturday, November 19.

We would like the downtown Oakland business community and the general public to be aware of these activities. As always, the City of Oakland is committed to facilitating peaceful forms of expression and free speech rights while protecting personal safety and property.

“I support the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution and I am a passionate supporter of freedom of speech. However, camping on City property – whether it is in a park or in open space – is illegal and won’t be allowed,” said Mayor Jean Quan.

The Oakland Police Department has a strategy in place to prevent the establishment of any new encampments. We anticipate some disruption to traffic, yet do not have specific details because of a lack of complete knowledge of how this will unfold. Our goal is to share information so that you can anticipate this demonstration.

We further acknowledge that over the last decade the City of Oakland has made great strides to revitalize downtown Oakland and continues to focus on economic growth throughout Oakland. The City of Oakland reminds demonstrators that, while peaceful forms of expression and free speech rights will be facilitated, acts of violence, property destruction and overnight lodging will not be tolerated.

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