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Multiple Wall Street Activities Planned for Saturday *No Overnight Lodging will be Allowed*

The City of Oakland has learned that three separate events will be taking place in the afternoon on Saturday, November 19 in Oakland's downtown and Grand Lake areas.

We would like the downtown Oakland and Grand Lake 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. The Oakland Police Department has a non-confrontational strategy in place to prevent the establishment of any new encampments.

"I support the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution and 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.

We anticipate some disruption to traffic, yet do not have specific details because of a lack of complete knowledge of the march's route. Our goal is to share information so that you can anticipate this demonstration.

The City of Oakland remains committed to facilitating free speech and peaceful forms of expression, but reminds demonstrators that no overnight lodging will be tolerated.

While the Oakland Police Department has learned of agitators motivating individuals to acts of vandalism, trespass and illegal lodging, we are encouraged by news that the general assembly will consider two proposals to keep Saturday's events peaceful and lawful. Many local residents, merchants and community members have shared that any further unlawfulness, including overnight lodging, does not represent their values and is damaging the city we love.

The City has developed a variety of communications channels to keep the business community and the public informed of developments as they occur. This may include street closures or impacts to public transit. We encourage you to use the following:

- Check for information updates on our web site: www.oaklandnet.com
- Subscribe to our email/text updates system to receive alerts by email or wireless device by entering your email address in the "Email Updates" section on the City's home page, www.oaklandnet.com. If you would like to receive wireless alerts via mobile phone, be sure to check the "Send Wireless Alerts to this address" box and enter your mobile number and carrier. Once you've saved your subscriber preferences, be sure to select "Emergency Alerts for Merchants."
- Call (510) 444-CITY for information and/or recorded updates.
- Report any tips or suspicious activity, call the Oakland Police Department's non-emergency line at (510) 777-3333.

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