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**Open House provides Forum for Stakeholders' Input
on Future Development around Lake Merritt BART**

Oakland, CA – Since 2009, the City of Oakland has engaged the public in a planning process to guide future transit-oriented development within a half-mile radius of the Lake Merritt BART station. An open house is slated from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on December 15, 2012, at Laney College's Student Center, 900 Fallon Street. The open house will focus on the proposals for improvements to streets and open space and land use guidelines for new development within the Planning Area that are included in the Draft Station Area Plan, as well as possible funding and implementation mechanisms to achieve these improvements. These draft proposals were crafted based on community input gathered at previous meetings.

"The proposals presented at this open house represent the culmination of over two years of public meetings," said Councilmember Patricia Kernighan, whose district includes a large part of the study area. "Community members can review these proposals to see how their ideas have been integrated into real land use and transportation improvements, and provide their valuable feedback to ensure successful transformation of the Planning Area into a truly vibrant and unique place in keeping with the vision of the community."

The product of this multi-year planning process – the Lake Merritt Station Area Plan – will provide guidelines for how development of the area should take place and plans for the other types of improvements that are needed to support development.

At the open house, there will be a formal presentation followed by questions and answers as well as time for attendees to visit stations displaying proposals and provide feedback on the proposals. Input gathered during the event will be synthesized and presented at public hearings to review and adopt the Station Area Plan in early 2013.

The open house is open to all. R.S.V.P. to (510) 238-7904 or Lake_merritt_plan@oaklandnet.com. Interpretation services will be available during the presentation and materials will be provided in English, Chinese and Vietnamese. Individuals requiring special arrangements, must contact the City five days in advance of the meeting. Limited parking is available; carpooling or public transit is strongly encouraged.

Please visit business2oakland.com/lakemerrittsap for more information and a map of the area covered by the Lake Merritt Station Area Plan.

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