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Upcoming Business Closure Day at the City of Oakland Public Safety Not Affected

Oakland, CA—The City of Oakland administrative offices will be closed on **Monday, April 1** for a mandatory business closure day.

While the City's administrative employees are out of the office, if a situation arises that requires more staffing, the City has a plan in place to call in additional resources. **Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the holidays or business closures.**

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Business closures—and the unpaid time off taken by City employees on such days—were agreed to by employee labor unions as part of the package of employee concessions to balance the City's \$58 million budget deficit. Every City employee agreed to contribute nine (9) percent of their compensation to minimize the reduction of vital City services to the public.

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In addition to the fixed business closure days, City employees also agreed to take additional unpaid days off to reach the nine (9) percent reduction target (between four and eight days, depending on the bargaining unit), which they will schedule with their supervisor and take throughout the year. The additional floating unpaid days will not result in citywide business closures.

Specific Service Impacts:

Parking Enforcement

- Normal parking enforcement throughout the City for all violations will occur on Monday, April 1.

Public Works

- No street sweeping will occur.
- Serious emergencies—such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions—will be responded to.

Oakland Public Library

- All libraries will be closed on Monday, April 1.
- Branch libraries will be closed on Tuesday, April 2, but the Main Library will be open.

Oakland Animal Shelter

- The shelter will be closed on Monday, April 1.
- The shelter resume normal hours of operation on Tuesday, April 2.
- People who find stray animals and cannot hold them when the shelter is closed, should call (510) 535-5602 and leave a voicemail. Staff will check voicemail throughout the day and return calls. For urgent animal related needs, please call (510) 777-3333.

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Oakland Parks and Recreation

- Visitors will have access to parks; however gates and restrooms will be closed and staff will not be on site.
- Fee-based programs will continue at participating sites.
- Call your local recreation site to confirm schedules. For phone numbers, visit www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/opr/a/contact/index.htm.

Human Services

Senior Centers

- All Senior Centers will be closed on Monday, April 1.

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

- Head Start and Early Head Start sites will be open on Monday, April 1.

Broadway Shuttle

- The shuttle will have a normal operation schedule on Monday, April 1.

Remaining Business Closure Day for Fiscal Year 2012-13

Business closure days generally occur once a month in conjunction with observed City holidays. At its June 28th meeting, Oakland City Council passed the FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget with 11 total Business Closure Days, one fewer than the proposed budget. The one remaining day Business Closure Day for FY 2012-13 is scheduled for:

- Friday, June 14

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