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Community Members will ReWrite Oakland on June 1
A Collaborative Event to Build a Citizen-Focused Website

Oakland, CA —On Saturday, June 1 from 9:30 am to 4 pm, the City of Oakland will co-host **ReWrite Oakland** as part of the **National Day of Civic Hacking**, in collaboration with OpenOakland, Code for America, The Hub Oakland and PopUpHood. The event will be hosted by PopUpHood, located at 1423 Broadway (in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza).

ReWrite Oakland is an all-day writeathon that will culminate with the launch of a new website called “Oakland Answers.” Oakland Answers will be citizen-focused, written in plain language, and will make it quick and simple for people to find City information and services online.

This event is open to anyone in the community, regardless of technical expertise. City of Oakland staff and the community will collaborate on answers to common civic questions, such as “When can I park at a yellow curb?” or “How do I get a business license?”.

Oakland Answers is based on the 2012 Code for America project with the city government and community of Honolulu called “Honolulu Answers.” Developers of the Honolulu Answers application will be joining participants at the Rewrite Oakland event. The launch of this application is a great example of how open source technologies can be leveraged across cities to make government run more effectively and be more accessible to residents and businesses.

About the National Day of Civic Hacking

The National Day of Civic Hacking is the largest-ever national convening of civic hackers coming together to tackle issues that are most pertinent to our cities and communities. The first annual National Day of Civic Hacking is taking place in over 80 locations across America (including the White House) on June 1 and 2, 2013.

The initiative is a united effort to connect citizens and government in a partnership focused on improving people’s daily lives through technology. This event will bring together techies, entrepreneurs, do-gooders, activists and others from across the nation to collaboratively create, build, and invent tools using publicly released data.

For more information and to register for the event visit:
<http://rewriteoakland.eventbrite.com/>

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