

# News from: The City of Oakland

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### City of Oakland Continues Negotiations with Employee Labor Groups

#### ***Strike Announced for Monday, July 1***

*Oakland, CA* — The City of Oakland is continuing to negotiate with six employee labor unions and bargaining groups representing approximately 2,470 civilian City employees whose contracts expire on Sunday, June 30, 2013. While City leaders hope that this process will successfully result in new contracts, City labor unions have announced their intention to call a **one-day strike on Monday, July 1**.

“We are continuing to do everything we can to accelerate negotiations and avert a strike,” Mayor Jean Quan said. “We are willing to negotiate through the weekend, day or night, because we know there is a fair-share agreement to be made.

“The Council has just passed a balanced budget that makes strong investments in public safety and restores state and federal cuts to housing staff and Head Start. It also leaves funds for serious and needed employee compensation,” Quan said.

“My administration will always respect our employees' right to lawfully strike,” Quan said. “To our residents, we apologize in advance for any inconvenience that possible service impacts might cause you.”

The Administration is making plans to address the unpredictable service impacts in the event of a strike. City facilities, programs and services will be disrupted or severely reduced, if not closed, in the event of a strike. The following is a summary of possible service impacts we can anticipate. However, details can change: this is a fluid and unfolding situation, and we will provide timely updates as more information is available.

#### **Public Safety and Emergency Services will Continue**

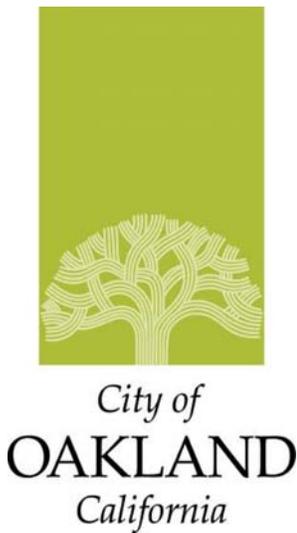
Our highest priority is to continue to provide public safety services to the community. **Police, fire and emergency services personnel will not participate in a strike.** Police emergency response, including traffic enforcement and investigations, will be operational.

#### **Online Services Will Remain Available**

We encourage the public to use City services that are available online on the City’s web site at [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com):

- [Pay a parking citation](#)
- [Report and track non-emergency problems, such as graffiti, illegal dumping or potholes](#)

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### *Online Services, continued:*

- [Report non-emergency crimes](#)
- [Renew a residential parking permit](#)
- [Pay a delinquent garbage bill](#)
- [Request a Public Record](#)
- [Research and download agenda reports and legislative actions of the Oakland City Council](#)
- [Register Foreclosed and Defaulted Residential Properties](#)
- [Register for a City of Oakland dog license](#)
- [Register for Parks and Recreation activities and classes](#)
- [Oakland Public Library's Online Catalog and web-based services will be available](#) (e.g. holds, renewals, reservations, etc.)

### **Buildings, Services and Programs that will Remain Available:**

- The **Broadway Shuttle** will be in normal operation.
- The **East Oakland Sports Center** Fitness Room will be open to card-holding members; the pool will be closed.
- Serious **public works emergencies**—such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions—will be responded to.

### **Programs, Services and Facilities that will be Unavailable:**

#### **Programs**

- Head Start and Early Head Start sites
- Senior Centers
- No summer food service
- Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP): No case management services for frail seniors except for scheduled home visits
- No brown bag food distribution
- No sale of paratransit taxi/bus vouchers
- All camps, field trips and events will be cancelled
- Camp registrations and facility reservations will be taken online only

#### **Services**

- No parking enforcement
- No street sweeping
- No public restrooms at City facilities
- No routine maintenance work
- No animal control services (in-shelter animals will be cared for by sworn officers and/or volunteers)
- No abandoned auto detail
- No police records services, including tow release and crime reports
- No fingerprinting
- No fire and CUPA inspections
- No Fire Department plan checking and permits
- No building inspections

### **Facilities that will be Unavailable**

- Parking Citation Assistance Center
- Oakland Animal Shelter
- Housing Assistance Center
- Recreation centers and parks
- Pools and recreation facilities (except the fitness room at the East Oakland Sports Center)
- Business Tax License
- Business Assistance Center
- Permit Counter
- All Library facilities will be closed, including all summer food service sites
- Civic Center buildings: City Hall, 150 and 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza

### **Staying Informed**

The City will use a variety of communications channels to keep the public informed about strike-related service impacts:

- Check our web site for regular updates: [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com)
- Follow us on **Twitter**—@CityofOaklandCA
- Call **(510) 444-CITY** for information and/or recorded updates
- To receive alerts by email or wireless device, [subscribe to our email/text updates system](#) by entering your email address in the “Email Updates” section on the City’s home page, [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com). 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.
- Visit [www.511.org](http://www.511.org) or call 511 for up-to-date traffic and transit information.

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