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City of Oakland Prepared to Address Anticipated Demonstrations this Weekend

Oakland, CA — We are aware of several planned rallies and demonstrations set to take place in Oakland this weekend. **Keeping peace on our streets and protecting the safety of Oakland residents and businesses is our top priority.**

Although we don't anticipate problems to occur, in the event that the demonstrations and protests become unlawful, the Oakland Police Department is prepared to swiftly address any criminal behavior that would damage property or jeopardize the safety of the public or police officers. **Individuals engaging in such behavior are subject to arrest and prosecution.**

"We are disappointed that this week a small number of protesters have dishonored the memory of Trayvon Martin and his family by engaging in violence and vandalism," said Mayor Jean Quan. "They have endangered innocent people, damaged locally owned businesses that provide jobs for Oaklanders, hurt our growing economy, and diverted our police resources away from important investigations."

The Oakland Police Department has studied the recent tactics used by the vandals and has reorganized to respond to situations should they arise. Officers days off have been cancelled and there will be greater police presence this weekend. We are also prepared to call in our partner law enforcement agencies if the need for mutual aid arises.

Tonight, Friday, July 19:

- 6 pm: March from Frank Ogawa Plaza to Fruitvale BART station

Saturday, July 20:

- 12 – 4 pm: Rallies and demonstrations at Federal Building and Frank Ogawa Plaza
- 5 pm: Bike rally starting at Perkins/Grand Avenue and going to 7th Street and Peralta

Traffic in downtown and West Oakland and along the march routes may be intermittently displaced as the marches and rallies occur.

Help Us Make Additional Arrests

This week the Oakland Police Department arrested and the Alameda County District Attorney's Office filed charges against three men for crimes connected with the Trayvon Martin protests in Oakland. OPD is asking for media and

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community assistance to help identify additional suspects responsible for criminal acts of vandalism during recent protests. If you have any video surveillance, photos or information about individuals who have committed a crime related to protests, please contact Sergeant Clifford Wong at (510)238-3951 or via email cwong@oaklandnet.com. For more information, go to: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/OPD/index.htm>

Below is information about how to report illegal activity, receive emergency assistance, and stay informed.

Emergency Assistance

- From a landline: call 911
- From a cell phone: call (510) 777-3211 (pre-program this number now so it is handy in an emergency)

Anonymously Report Illegal Activity

- Call OPD's anonymous toll-free tip hotline: (855) TIPS-247 (855-847-7247)
- Text TIP OAKLANDPD to 888777 from your text-enabled cell phone
- Go to www.bit.ly/PFk7D to anonymously submit photos of illegal activity using the online submission form

Stay Informed

The City will use a variety of communication channels to keep the business community and the public informed of developments as they occur:

- *Website:* www.oaklandnet.com
- *Subscribe to Email or Text Alerts*
Enter your email address in the "Email Updates" section on the City's home page, www.oaklandnet.com. To receive wireless alerts via mobile phone, check the "Send Wireless Alerts to this address" box.
- *Public Safety Notifications*
Receive notifications from OPD through text/SMS, mobile applications, email and Internet posts. Sign up at www.nixle.com.
- *Twitter*
For general City of Oakland news, follow @CityofOaklandCA.
For public safety news, follow OPD @oaklandpoliceca.
- *Business Support*
Contact the City of Oakland's Business Assistance Center at (510) 238-7952 or visit www.OaklandBAC.com.
- *Telephone:* call (510) 444-CITY for information and/or recorded updates.

- *Transit Updates*
Visit www.511.org or call 511 for up-to-date traffic and transit information. For BART information, call (510) 465-2278 or visit www.bart.gov. Sign up for mobile service alerts at www.bart.gov/news/alerts.

Simple Tips for Everyday Safety

- Stay tuned to local TV and radio stations for information.
- If possible, park your car in a secure, off-street location.
- Remove or secure trash receptacles.
- Be sure your business is well lit. Good lighting increases visibility—and also increases the effectiveness of any closed circuit TV system.
- If you have a closed circuit TV system, be sure it is in good working order and is turned on. Save recordings of documented criminal activity.
- Make sure your building has good quality locks on the doors and windows. Deadbolt locks are a must for exterior doors.
- All exterior doors with a gap should be covered with a steel plate to prevent the door from being pried open.
- Leave the cash drawer empty and open after business hours.

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