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City of Oakland Announces Free 2013 Holiday Parking

Oakland, CA — In the spirit of the holidays and to stimulate shopping in Oakland's commercial districts in support of local merchants, the City of Oakland will offer **free parking every Saturday between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, plus Plaid Friday which is November 29.**

Free parking will be offered at meters throughout Oakland and in four participating City-owned lots for the time period posted on the meter or kiosk (30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours or 5 hours). The City will also provide up to two hours of free parking at four City-owned garages. The free parking dates are as follows: Friday, November 29 (Plaid Friday); Saturday, November 30; Saturday, December 7; Saturday, December 14; Saturday, December 21; and Saturday, December 28.

The free parking "holidays" apply to both standard meters and the multi-space parking kiosks located in many commercial districts. To keep the flow of shoppers moving – standard parking rules and time limits will be enforced. If shoppers need more time than a particular meter allows, they will need to move their cars to another available parking space.

Participating City-Owned Lots

The free holiday parking applies to the following **City-owned lots equipped with meters** on the designated Saturdays and Plaid Friday, 11/29:

- Grand Avenue Lot in the 3200 block of Grand Avenue
- LakePark Lot under I-580 between Grand Avenue and Lakeshore Avenue
- Piedmont Avenue Lot on Howe & 40th Street
- Parkway Lot on Wayne Avenue near Park Boulevard and E. 18th Street

Participating City-Owned Garages

The free holiday parking program will also offer two hours of free parking on the designated Saturdays and Plaid Friday, 11/29 at the following **City-owned garages**:

- Frank Mar Garage – 12th Street & Harrison
- Franklin Street Garage – 19th Street & Franklin
- Montclair Garage – 6235 La Salle Avenue
- Clay Street Garage – 14th Street & Clay

Spearheaded by Mayor Jean Quan in association with the Oakland Merchants Leadership Forum and Oakland Grown, the free holiday parking program encourages shoppers to explore the plethora of shopping options – including hundreds of locally owned, indie shops throughout Oakland's 40 neighborhood shopping districts.

For more information on the City's free holiday parking program, please visit oaklandnet.com. For information on holiday shopping in Oakland, please visit oaklandgrown.org.

