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No earthquake injuries or damage reported in Oakland at this time

*Oakland, CA* — “Our hearts go out to our fellow Californians who were impacted by this morning’s earthquake,” said Oakland Mayor Jean Quan. “While no damage has been reported in Oakland at this time, this seismic event serves as a reminder to all Oaklanders that we need to be prepared.”

The California Office of Emergency Services (OES) reported that there is a 54% chance of aftershocks of greater than 5.0 magnitude over the next seven days.

To help Oakland residents, neighborhood groups and businesses to prepare for disasters, the City of Oakland offers a free training program called CORE (Communities of Oakland Respond to Emergencies). CORE teaches self-reliance skills and helps neighborhoods establish response teams to take care of the neighborhood until professional emergency personnel arrive. As we approach the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake, we are all reminded of the devastation wrought by natural disasters. For more information, including a roster of upcoming classes, please visit <http://www.oaklandcore.org>. For more information about emergency preparedness in Oakland, please visit <http://bit.ly/VMYMtF>.

The following is information released from Napa County earlier today.

Residents and visitors in Napa County are encouraged to stay off the roads and utilize phones for emergency purposes only. Use of 911 and local emergency rooms should be restricted to life threatening emergencies only. The Napa County Fire Department has responded to dozens earthquake related incidents and has received 10 additional CAL FIRE engines to assist with earthquake and aftershock related calls. The United States Geological Survey has advised that the Napa Valley may experience aftershocks for up to a week. Emergency officials are urging residents to ensure they have an emergency plan in place and do “drop, cover and hold on” during an aftershock.

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