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**Help Oakland Win \$40,000 for a Community Garden
in West Oakland**

Oakland is one of four finalists in national competition

Oakland, CA – Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) is calling on the Oakland community to help win \$40,000 by voting daily through February 9 in the Miracle-Gro 1000 People’s Choice Community Gardens contest. Oakland is one of four finalists, competing against Orlando, New York and Detroit, for the \$40,000 grant.

Mayor Libby Schaaf said, “Oakland is in a heated race for this grant, and if Oaklanders vote every day, using every electronic device at their disposal, to show their Oakland love and support, we could make this home-grown project to feed our community a reality.”

If Oakland wins, the grant will fund a community garden at Lowell Park in West Oakland. “I urge all Oaklanders to vote for this community garden every day until February 9,” stated Councilmember Lynette McElhaney. “West Oakland has limited access to fresh grocery. Bringing the food source to those in need of nutritious options would be a huge win for the youth leaders and residents!”

Oakland Parks & Recreation is hosting a lunchtime voting party to promote on **Friday, January 30, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to noon in front of City Hall, Frank H. Ogawa Plaza**. Bring all your electronic devices (phone, tablet, laptop) to vote.

Contest rules indicate voters may vote once per day per device until February 9 at: www.gro1000vote.com.

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