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Statement from Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf re: San Pablo Avenue/Mead Ave Fire

OAKLAND, CA – Today, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf issued the following statement in response to a 4-alarm fire that broke out at 2551 San Pablo Avenue, a residential building on San Pablo and Mead Avenues, where two fatalities have been confirmed.

“I want to offer my deepest sympathies to the families who have been hurt and displaced by this tragic fire and to the loved ones of the victims whose lives we know were lost.

“I want to thank our first responders for their tireless effort to put out this blaze and provide for the safety of as many residents as possible. I am grateful for their continued work on the scene to ensure that every resident is accounted for, and to conduct a thorough investigation.

“I was able to visit the scene this morning and to connect with families at the assistance center that has been set up by the Red Cross, which provides invaluable service to families in their time of need.

“I also want to thank Kaiser Permanente for their generosity in providing a medical doctor, nurse, pharmacists and a social worker from their Oakland facility to aid the impacted families in addressing emotional trauma, chronic medical issues, refilling prescriptions and navigating the process as they begin rebuilding.”

“Oakland is a generous and supportive community that I know will rally around these residents – many of whom are among the most vulnerable in our community. Now more than ever they need our assistance.

“If you would like to make a monetary donation, please contact the Red Cross at www.redcross.org. Check the option “Home Fire Relief” and note in the comments that your gift is earmarked for services to support families impacted by the 2551 San Pablo Ave/Mead Ave fire in Oakland, CA.”

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