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City of Oakland Issues Update on Actions Taken since Tragic Ghost Ship Fire

Report Summarizes Changes Made over Past 11 Months and Work Ahead to Address Safety while Minimizing Displacement

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Oakland, CA — The City of Oakland has issued a report summarizing the broad range of changes and inter-departmental actions taken in the 11 months since the tragic Ghost Ship Fire on December 2, 2016. The Memo details the City's substantial response, which began immediately after the fire broke out and outlines how Oakland is safer today. It also identifies next steps to achieving the work ahead.

"One year ago we made a promise to make Oaklanders safer," mayor Libby Schaaf said. "We delivered on that promise. We approached the complex work with our shared Oakland values. Safety is the priority; preserving cultural community and fighting housing insecurity is the context. Our city has developed long-term, sustainable, changes to make Oakland safer today than it was one year ago, and it's work we will continue to do."

The City's sustained focus in the past year has been on developing lasting, long-term solutions to the deep and complex issues the tragedy highlighted, including the need to ensure that housing and public spaces are safe and habitable amid the impact of the housing affordability crisis, and the importance of maintaining Oakland's vibrant arts community. The report addresses the steps that have been completed in six primary areas including: bringing buildings into compliance, increasing fire and building inspection capacity, improving inter-departmental communications, referrals and data sharing; streamlining event permitting, and identifying housing resources. It also identifies next steps to achieving the work ahead.

The report is available to the public online at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/groups/cityadministrator/documents/memorandum/oak067762.pdf>