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**Incoming Mayor Jean Quan Hosts Festive City Hall Open House on
Inauguration Night**

Free Event Showcases City Services, Oakland History, Volunteer Opportunities, Food, Music

Oakland, CA — Incoming Mayor Jean Quan has signaled a new day in Oakland that addresses the City's key challenges while showcasing all that makes Oakland a great place in which to live, work, visit and invest. To that end, she is hosting a festive, informative City Hall Open House as part of her inauguration as Oakland's 49th Mayor on **Monday, January 3, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

The free public event will provide a "behind the scenes" look at City Hall, including **tours of the Mayor's office** and an opportunity to take a photo at the Mayor's desk. The Open House will also feature a mini City Hall where attendees can **access myriad municipal services**; for example, visitors may apply for a library card, reserve a parks and recreation rental facility, register for recreation classes, obtain assistance with starting a business, and sign up for emergency alerts and preparedness classes.

A special focus of the evening is the launch of the incoming mayor's drive to **recruit an initial 2,000 volunteers** to mentor at-risk youth, with plans to expand to thousands more volunteers to support beautification, emergency preparedness, libraries, parks and other programs in addition to youth, families, seniors and others in the community with special needs.

Oakland History Talks, hosted by Annalee Allen, Oakland Tours Coordinator and Oakland Tribune landmarks columnist, will feature an eclectic panel including:

- Sandy Threlfall, Executive Director, Waterfront Action;
- Joann Pavlinec, City of Oakland historic preservation planner and secretary to the City's Landmarks Board;
- Naomi Schiff, Oakland Heritage Alliance;
- Dorothy Lazard, librarian, Oakland History Room at the Main Library;
- Roy Chan, Co-director, Oakland Asian Cultural Center;
- Rick Moss, Director, African American Museum & Library at Oakland; and
- Holly Alonso, Executive Director, Peralta Hacienda Historical Park.

Special guest Dennis Evanovsky will appear in character as early Oakland business leader Horace Carpentier.

Other highlights include:

- free flu shots and blood pressure checks
- bicycle and pedestrian safety information
- discount tickets to various local cultural attractions
- making corn husk dolls with Friends of Peralta Hacienda House
- family arts & crafts with the Oakland Asian Cultural Center
- trivia contests and prizes with OaklandGrown.org
- contests and giveaways with Oakland Recycles
- a button giveaway with the Oakland Museum of California

Live music will round out the festive event, with performances by the Oakland Youth Orchestra, Purple Bamboo, Destiny Arts and Ballet Folklorico Mexicano, in addition to spoken word and African Queens dance troupe presentations sponsored by the Oakland Office of Parks and Recreation.

Light refreshments will be offered at various stations throughout City Hall and meals will be available for purchase from **mobile food vendors including [Fiveten Burger](#)**, an Oakland food cart featuring artisan burgers, sandwiches and fries crafted by noted local chef Roland Robles using locally sourced ingredients. Robles makes his own mayo, pickles, mustard and garlic oil and uses fresh buns and rolls picked up daily from area bakeries.

The City Hall Open House caps a full day of inaugural events starting at 8:30 a.m. with a history walk from Chinatown to Uptown, followed by the official inauguration ceremony at 11:00 a.m. at the Fox Oakland Theater.

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