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## City of Oakland Announces Business Closure Dates for Fiscal Year 2011-12

*Public Safety Not Affected*

*Oakland, CA* —As a result of budget cutbacks, for the third year in a row the City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other City services on 12 business closure days in fiscal year 2011-12.

Business closures—and the unpaid time off taken by City employees on such days—were agreed to by employee labor unions as part of the package of employee concessions to balance the City’s \$58 million budget deficit. Every City employee agreed to contribute nine (9) percent of their compensation to minimize the reduction of vital City services to the public.

The 12 business closure days generally occur once a month in conjunction with observed City holidays. For FY 2011-12, the days are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, **August 15**, 2011
- Monday, **September 12**, 2011  
(Friday, September 9 is Admission’s Day, a City holiday)
- Monday, **October 10**, 2011
- Thursday, **November 10**, 2011  
(Friday, November 11 is Veteran’s Day, a City holiday)
- Monday, **November 28**, 2011  
(follows the two-day Thanksgiving Day holiday on November 24 & 25)
- Tuesday, **December 27 – Thursday, December 29**, 2011  
(Monday, December 26 and Friday, December 30 are City holidays)
- Friday, **January 13**, 2012  
(Monday, January 16 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a City holiday)
- Friday, **February 10**, 2012  
(Monday, February 13 is Lincoln’s Birthday, a City holiday)
- Friday, **March 30**, 2012
- Friday, **April 13**, 2012

While the City’s administrative employees are out of the office for the business closure day, if a situation arises that requires more staffing, the City has a plan in place to call in additional resources. **Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the business closures.**

In addition to the fixed business closure days, City employees also agreed to take additional unpaid days off to reach the 9 percent reduction target (between four and eight days, depending on the bargaining unit), which they will schedule with their supervisor and take throughout the year. The additional floating unpaid days will not result in citywide business closures.

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