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#### Reminder: City of Oakland Business Closure

Scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2011

*Public Safety Not Affected*

*Oakland, CA* — As previously announced, due to budget cutbacks the City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other City services on **Monday, August 15, 2011** as a result of budget cutbacks.

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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.**

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.

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.

### **Specific Service Impacts on Monday, August 15, 2011**

#### **Parking Enforcement**

- Enforcement will occur throughout the city for all violations.

#### **Public Works**

- No street sweeping will occur.
- Serious emergencies—such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions—will be responded to.

#### **Oakland Public Library**

- All branches are closed Saturday, August 13
- Main Library is open Saturday, August 13 & Sunday, August 14
- All Libraries are closed Monday, August 15
- Library services resume Tuesday, August 16
  - Main Library: 10 am to 5:30 pm
  - Branches: regular Tuesday evening schedule (varies by branch)

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### **Oakland Animal Shelter**

- Closed on Monday, August 15
- Return to normal business hours Tuesday, August 16 from 4 – 7 pm
- People who find stray animals on Monday, August 15 and cannot hold them until Tuesday, should call 510-777-3333 to be put in touch with a Shelter representative.

### **Oakland Parks and Recreation**

- Paid programs and camps will continue as scheduled.
- Parks will be open; however restrooms will be closed and staff will not be onsite.
- The gates to Joaquin Miller Park will be closed, but trails will be accessible to the public.

### **Human Services**

#### *Senior Centers*

- North, Downtown, West and East Senior Centers will be closed.

#### *Head Start/Early Head Start Programs*

- Head Start sites will be closed.
- Early Head Start sites will be **open**.

### **Remaining Business Closure Days for Fiscal Year 2011-12**

Business closure days generally occur once a month in conjunction with observed City holidays. For FY 2011-12, the 11 remaining days are scheduled as follows:

- 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

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