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Reminder: City of Oakland Business Closure Day *Public Safety Not Affected*

Oakland, CA — The City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other City services for a business closure day on **Monday, October 10, 2011**, due to budget cutbacks the City of Oakland.

While the City's administrative employees are out of the office, 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 holidays or 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 nine (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 for October 10:

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 libraries will be closed on Monday, October 10.
- Branch libraries (which are always closed on Mondays) will also be closed on Saturday, October 8 to accommodate the mandatory closure.
- The Main Library will be open regular hours on Saturday, October 8.

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Oakland Animal Shelter

- Closed on Monday, October 10.
- Return to normal business hours Tuesday, October 11 from 4 – 7 pm.
- People who find stray animals on Monday, October 10 and cannot hold them until Tuesday, should call 510-777-3333 to be put in touch with a Shelter representative.

Oakland Parks and Recreation

- Visitors will have access to parks; however gates and restrooms will be closed and staff will not be on site.

Human Services

Senior Centers

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

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

- Head Start and 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 9 remaining days are scheduled as follows:

- 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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