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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Update on Downtown Demonstrations

Oakland, CA—The activity at the Plaza continues to be peaceful. While there were reports of some incidents during last night's march through downtown Oakland, there were no incidents of interaction between the demonstrators and police last night.

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- The City is looking into reports of graffiti and vandalism during last night's march.
- There is a report that a demonstrator pulled a knife on other demonstrators and that demonstrators poured water onto news reporters. The City is investigating those reports.
- The Fire Department continues making daily fire inspections towards the afternoon. We will share with the media results of today's inspection when they become available.
- We continue to maintain a minimal police presence at the Plaza.
- The City will maintain essential city services on Wednesday, November 2, the day the proposed General Strike. City employees who wish to support the General Strike have been authorized to request approval from their supervisor to use the normal process for requesting a day or partial day off—using leave or floating furlough day, or if those have been exhausted, requesting time off without pay. Sick leave will not apply. Each request will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in terms of the impact on the City's day-to-day services.

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