



News from City of Oakland

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Update on Downtown Demonstrations and Proposed General Strike on Wednesday, November 2

Oakland, CA—The activity at the Plaza continues to be peaceful.

- This morning, the City returned to the medical team on the Plaza medical supplies that had been removed during last week's clean up.
- About 30 protestors have contacted the City's Public Works Call Center at 615-5566 to inquire about the return of their property from last week. We are asking them to provide a detailed description of the items so that the City can locate them and make arrangements for their return. The City hopes to return the first group of items tomorrow.
- The Fire Department continues making daily fire inspections of the Plaza. The site has passed inspection today.
- We continue to maintain a minimal police presence at the Plaza.
- City offices and services will remain open on Wednesday, November 2. We are **not** urging businesses to close on Wednesday. Instead, we advise that they use common sense precautions.
- The City is addressing and monitoring all aspects of Occupy Oakland's proposed activities for Wednesday in an effort to minimize disruption and to promote peace and safety. We are communicating with merchants around Ogawa Plaza and downtown businesses to let them know what precautions the city is taking and to encourage them to monitor the City's communications channels to keep the business community and the public informed of developments as they occur on Wednesday.

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- Keeping peace on our streets and protecting Oakland businesses and residents is our top priority. There are many people prepared to exercise their free speech rights in a healthy manner that will not endanger our safety, livelihood or reputation as a city. We are asking for the community to come together, look out for one another and stay safe.

This is a fluid situation. We are asking businesses and the public to sign up for alerts by email or wireless device by subscribing to our email/text updates system by entering their email address in the “Email Updates” section on the City’s home page, www.oaklandnet.com. For wireless alerts by mobile phone, they should check “Send Wireless Alerts to this address” box and enter their mobile number and carrier. Merchants should select “Emergency Alerts for Merchants.” Other options:

- We will post regular information updates on our website at www.oaklandnet.com
- For those who do not have a computer, call (510) 444-CITY for information and/or recorded updates.
- Merchants may also contact the City of Oakland’s Business Assistance Center at (510) 238-7952 or visit www.OaklandBAC.com for support and additional information.
- To report any tips or suspicious activity, call the Oakland Police Department’s non-emergency line at (510)777-3333.

For a copy of the Merchant and Business Bulletin that we sent out today, go to www.oaklandnet.com.

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