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MEDIA ADVISORY

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City of Oakland to Provide Updates on Downtown Demonstrations associated with "General Strike" *Media Briefing Scheduled for 9am*

Oakland, CA – The City of Oakland and the Oakland Police Department remain committed to facilitating peaceful demonstrations and freedom of speech. We are aware of the events scheduled throughout the day and have prepared accordingly.

We anticipate that the protests and demonstrations associated with the "General Strike" will be peaceful and do not anticipate the need will arise for enforcement actions to occur. However, in the event the demonstration becomes unlawful, threatens public safety, or incites vandalism or property damage, the Oakland Police Department is prepared to respond to protect life and property. The option to call in mutual aid is available should it be required. The Oakland Police Department will continue to place the highest value on policing in a manner that is both constitutional and ethical.

City offices and services will remain open on Wednesday, November 2; we recognize that service levels may be impacted, but we do not anticipate a major reduction in services at this time.

The City recognizes that the demonstrations downtown and the encampment in Frank Ogawa Plaza have raised concerns in the business community. They are concerned about loss of business and the safety of their businesses and employees. We have reached out specifically to the downtown business community, and have coordinated with our partners in the business improvement districts and the chamber of commerce.

As a precautionary measure, the Oakland Police Department has advised banks that their doors should be closed to everyone except customers and should facilitate customer access at secured doors.

The City of Oakland will hold a media briefing to provide updates on the status of the demonstrations and City operations this morning.

What: Media Briefing
When: Today, Wednesday, November 2 at 9 am
Where: Emergency Operations Center,
1605 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way

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