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Upcoming Business Closure Day and Holiday at the City of Oakland

Public Safety Not Affected

Oakland, CA—The City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other City services for a business closure day on **Thursday, November 10, 2011**, due to budget cutbacks the City of Oakland. City of Oakland administrative offices will also be closed on **Friday, November 11**, in observance of Veterans' Day.

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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 November 10 and 11:

Parking Enforcement

- Enforcement will occur throughout the City for all violations on **both** Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11.

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

- The Main Library will be closed Thursday, November 10 and Friday, November 11.
- Branch libraries will be open on Thursday, November 10, but will be closed on Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12.

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Oakland Animal Shelter

- Closed on Thursday, November 10.
- Return to normal business hours on Friday, November 11 from 2 - 4 pm.
- People who find stray animals on Thursday, November 10 and cannot hold them until Friday, 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.
- Fee-based programs will continue at participating sites.

Human Services

Senior Centers

- North, Downtown, West and East Senior Centers will be closed on both Thursday and Friday.

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

- Head Start and Early Head Start sites will be open on Thursday, November 10, but closed on Friday, November 11.

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 8 remaining days are scheduled as follows:

- 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, Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2 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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