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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Update from the City of Oakland on Decampment of Frank Ogawa Plaza—10:00 am

Oakland, CA – This morning at 4:30 am, the Oakland Police Department began enforcement of the “Notice of Violations and Demand to Cease Violations” issued on Friday, November 11, to persons staying overnight in Frank Ogawa Plaza. The operation went smoothly and peacefully. Below is a summary of some operational details:

- At this time, the encampment at Frank Ogawa Plaza has been cleared and the Plaza has been contained.
- There were 32 arrests, 9 of whom are Oakland residents.
- There were no injuries to citizens or officers, and no use of force.
- Mutual aid was provided by seven law enforcement agencies, including: Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, San Francisco Police Department, Hayward Police Department, Fremont Police Department and San Leandro Police Department. Although other cities' police departments were present, they were coordinated by the counties in which they are located.
- Given that this operation was a planned event and not an emergency, the cost of outside mutual aid will be covered by the City. It is estimated to be between \$300,000 and \$500,000.
- The City will maintain a strong police presence at Frank Ogawa Plaza 24/7 and is pursuing other security alternatives as time goes on.
- City of Oakland employees working in City offices surrounding the plaza were instructed to delay the start of the work day until 10 am.
- The City is asking for the public's assistance in limiting their visits to downtown City offices to urgent, time-sensitive needs in order to reduce traffic to the area. **City offices surrounding the Plaza (150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza and City Hall) will be open between 10 am and 5 pm today, and normal business hours will resume tomorrow.**
- In addition, to ensure public safety and minimize traffic in the area, the City advised downtown employers to use their discretion in determining whether or not to delay the start of their business operations.
- Public Works crews are preparing to clean the Plaza so we can facilitate free assembly by this evening. Those who choose to assemble this evening will do so at their own risk, given the debris, human waste, and hazardous materials contamination of the Plaza.
- Going forward, the Plaza will be open for peaceful demonstrations and assemblies, but lodging will be strictly prohibited.
- Crews will be logging valuables and property recovered from the Plaza and storing them until retrieved by the rightful owners. More information about this process can be found on the City's homepage at www.oaklandnet.com, under Occupy Oakland updates.

The next media briefing will be at 1 pm at the Emergency Operations Center at 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

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