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City and Port of Oakland are Prepared for Monday March & Rally Planned at Port and Downtown

The City of Oakland has learned that several marches and rallies are planned to take place on Monday, December 12 in West Oakland and downtown, including:

- 5:30 am at West Oakland BART station, march to Port
- 3 pm rally at Frank Ogawa Plaza
- 4 pm depart Frank Ogawa Plaza, march to Port
- 5 pm at West Oakland BART station, march to Port

Specific march routes are not known at this time. The Longshoreman's Union and other unions have publicly stated that they do not support a Port shutdown.

We want the Oakland business community and the general public to be aware of these activities. As always, the City of Oakland and the Oakland Police Department (OPD) are committed to facilitating peaceful forms of expression and free speech rights while providing personal safety and protecting property.

The Oakland Police Department has a strategy in place to prevent the interruption of Port operations. Traffic in downtown and West Oakland may be intermittently displaced as the marches and rallies are facilitated; however, OPD's goal is to prevent the interruption of Port operations.

The Port of Oakland is an important economic engine which generates over 73,000 jobs throughout the region. The longshoremen, truckers, and transportation logistic workers who work directly at the Port as well as the farmers and factory workers who raise or produce the goods shipped through the Port facilities would be impacted by a Port closure. These are the very 99% that need support, not disruption to their livelihoods. A Port shutdown will hurt working people and harm our community.

"We all want to keep the Port of Oakland open and minimize any disruptions that will only hurt the working people who rely on our Port and might do long-term damage to our community for future jobs. The Port and the industrial zone on the waterfront is one of the best sources of good paying blue collar jobs left in the City. Everyone's safety and security are of paramount importance, and we will respect people's rights to free speech as long they are not violating the law," said Mayor Jean Quan

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