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News from: Emergency Operations Center

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City and Port of Oakland are Prepared for Today's March & Rally Planned at Port and Downtown

Media Briefing Scheduled at 6:45 am

The City of Oakland has learned that several marches and rallies are planned to take place today 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

The Longshoreman's Union and other unions have publicly stated that they do not support a Port disruption.

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

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 slow down at the Port will hurt working people and harm our community.

"I encourage those who want to make a statement today to do so peacefully and respectfully – and to keep the Port open. The livelihoods of many of the 99% here in Oakland and throughout Northern California depend on it," said Mayor Jean Quan.

To date, the City of Oakland has absorbed significant expenses totaling about \$2.4 million as it relates to encampments, rallies and protests. Additionally, these actions have negatively impacted our business community and residents.

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The City of Oakland reminds demonstrators that, while peaceful forms of expression and free speech rights will be facilitated, acts of violence, property destruction and overnight lodging will not be tolerated.

The City has developed a variety of communication channels to keep the business community and the public informed of developments as they occur. This may include street closures or impacts to public transit. We encourage you to use the following:

- We will post regular information updates on our web site: **www.oaklandnet.com**.
- To receive alerts by email or wireless device, **subscribe to our email/text updates system** by entering your email address in the “Email Updates” section on the City’s home page, www.oaklandnet.com. If you would like to receive wireless alerts via mobile phone, be sure to check the “Send Wireless Alerts to this address” box and enter your mobile number and carrier. Once you’ve saved your subscriber preferences, be sure to select “Emergency Alerts for Merchants” or “Emergency Alerts for Residents.”
- If you don’t have a computer, call **211** for information and/or updates.
- Business owners 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 driving and transit information, including any detours, call **511** or visit www.511.org. For BART information, call (510) 465-2278 or visit www.bart.gov. You can also sign up for mobile service alerts at www.bart.gov/news/alerts.

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, Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:45 am
Where: Emergency Operations Center
1605 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way

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