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## News from: Emergency Operations Center

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#### City and Port of Oakland Provide Details on this Morning's March & Rally at Port

The City and Port of Oakland held a media briefing at 12:15 p.m. today.

"Protesters caused sporadic disruptions throughout the Port of Oakland area, which led to delays, but the Port has remained operational," said Port Executive Director Omar Benjamin. "Traffic is now flowing into and out of the Port. We are working with our partners – labor, community, business, truckers, dockworkers and our government and law enforcement partners – to keep the Port operational throughout the day."

"We stress again – it's important to keep the Port of Oakland open so that workers can make a living, the Port can continue creating jobs and we all take steps to improve opportunities for the community and the region," added Benjamin.

"This morning's demonstrations at the Port were peaceful," said Oakland Mayor Jean Quan. "We will continue to work hard to keep Port operations and downtown business going with minimum disruption. We urge the demonstrators to continue to respect the rights of the 99% working at the Port and downtown, and urge them to keep protests peaceful."

After a warning to clear a gate, two arrests have been made for impeding traffic. Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan reported that there were no uses of force.

The City of Oakland has learned that several marches and rallies are planned to take place this afternoon in West Oakland and downtown, including:

- 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

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, the Oakland Police Department'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 longshoremens, 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.

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

The Port of Oakland is a public agency led by volunteer public servants appointed by our elected officials. The Port generates \$462 million in federal, state and local tax revenue annually. These revenues are essential to support vital services for the 99%.

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.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.511.org). For BART information, call (510) 465-2278 or visit [www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov). You can also sign up for mobile service alerts at [www.bart.gov/news/alerts](http://www.bart.gov/news/alerts).