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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 **Friday, January 13, 2012**. Additionally, administrative offices will be closed on **Monday, January 16, 2012**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

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 January 13 - 16:

Parking Enforcement

- Regular enforcement will occur throughout the City for all parking violations on Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14.
- Monday, January 16 is a parking holiday during which motorists do not need to pay for parking at City meters.

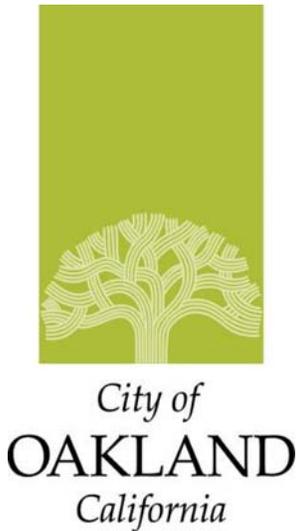
Public Works

- 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

- All libraries will be closed Friday, January 13.
- The Main Library will be open on Saturday, January 14.
- All branch libraries will be closed Saturday, January 14.
- The Main Library will be closed Monday, January 16 (branch libraries are always closed on Mondays).

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Oakland Animal Shelter

- Closed on Friday, January 13 and Monday, January 16. People who find stray animals and cannot hold them when the shelter is closed should call (510) 777-3333 between the hours of 7 am to 3:30 pm to be put in touch with a Shelter representative.
- Open during regular hours of 12 noon to 5 pm on Saturday, January 14 and Sunday, January 15.

Office of 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

- All senior centers will be closed on Friday, January 13 and Monday, January 16.

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

- Head Start and Early Head Start sites will be open on Friday, January 13, but closed on Monday, January 16.

Broadway Shuttle

- The shuttle will have a normal operation schedule on Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14.
- The shuttle will not operate on Monday, January 16.

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 three remaining days are scheduled as follows:

- 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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