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City of Oakland Prepared for Today's Marches, Protests and Activities

Marches, Protests and Activities—Some with City Permits and Others without—Planned Throughout Day and Throughout City

Oakland, CA — May 1st—often celebrated as International Workers' Day—has been a significant day of marches and demonstrations of various kinds for many years in Oakland and around the world. The City of Oakland is aware of a number of marches, protests and activities planned in Downtown Oakland and throughout the City scheduled for today, May 1st; some of the organizers have secured permits, and others have not.

City's Goal: Facilitate Peaceful Expressions, Swiftly Address Criminal Behavior

The City of Oakland is committed to facilitating peaceful expressions of free speech rights, and protecting personal safety and property. We will not tolerate destruction or violence. We are asking for the community to come together, look out for one another, and stay safe.

In the event that the demonstrations and protests become unlawful, the Oakland Police Department is prepared to swiftly address any criminal behavior that would damage property or jeopardize the safety of the public or police officers.

Permitted and Unpermitted Activities

There are several organized demonstrations and activities that we are aware of, many of which will converge around 6 pm at Frank Ogawa Plaza. In addition, there is a California Nurses Association demonstration on Pill Hill.

The City has taken numerous steps to establish contact with the organizers of various May 1st demonstrations in order to facilitate peaceful demonstrations, minimize traffic impacts, and work out any potential problems before they occur.

Occupy Oakland Activities—No permit requested or granted by the City

Traffic delays and congestion could result from a series of marches, pickets and blockades at locations in Uptown, Downtown, and outside of the downtown core. Known gatherings are based at Snow Park at 19th and Telegraph; Uptown around 22nd and Broadway; on Broadway at 4th Street; and on Broadway at Embarcadero near Jack London Square. A noontime rally is scheduled in Frank Ogawa Plaza.

Organizers plan to join "March for Dignity and Resistance/Decolonize Oakland" (see below). Temporary traffic and transit impacts could result along the march route.

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March for Dignity and Resistance/ Decolonize Oakland —Organizers secured Special Events Permit from OPD

Beginning at 3 pm, rally at Fruitvale Plaza and march to San Antonio Park; rally at San Antonio Park and march to Frank Ogawa Plaza. Demonstration at Frank Ogawa Plaza until 7 pm. Organizers have secured a special events permit from OPD for the march. OPD has worked with the march organizers to determine the specific route of this march to minimize traffic disruptions and keep participants safe along the designated march route. Organizers have secured required permits for Frank Ogawa Plaza and San Antonio Park.

Feeder March—No permit requested or granted by the City

Unpermitted march to start at 66th Ave and International Blvd, march to Fremont High School, then join “March for Dignity and Resistance/Decolonize Oakland.”

California Nurses Association—Organizers secured sound permit

Demonstration at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 350 Hawthorne Ave. from 10 am – 7 pm. City issued sound permit for **12-1 pm** and **5 -7 pm only**.

Potential Traffic and Transit Impacts

We have planned to facilitate permitted marches to minimize traffic disruption along permitted routes; pedestrian and vehicular safety will be facilitated by OPD. However, additional traffic congestion or delays could occur all day and into the evening as a result of marches or activities that are organized without a permit.

The City will stay in close communication with AC Transit and BART in order to minimize the transit impacts, particularly during commute hours. Traffic and transit conditions could change. Employers, employees, and residents are advised to visit www.511.org or call 511 for up-to-date transition information.

Oakland is Open for Business

City offices and services will remain **open** today. Staff from the Public Works Agency and other vital City services will work extended today to provide additional community support as necessary. We are **not** urging businesses to close. Instead, we advise all to use common sense precautions and convey a sense of calm to employees and customers.

How to Stay Informed

We will use a variety of communications channels to keep the business community and the public informed of developments as they occur:

- Check our web site for regular updates: 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. 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, select “Emergency Alerts for Merchants.”

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- Sign up to receive public safety notifications from OPD through text/SMS, mobile applications, e-mail, and internet posts. Visit www.Nixle.com to register.
- Follow us on Twitter—for general City of Oakland news, follow @oaklandpubinfo. For specific public safety news, follow OPD @oaklandpoliceca.
- Contact the City of Oakland's **Business Assistance Center** at (510) 238-7952 or visit www.OaklandBAC.com for support and additional information.
- If you don't have a computer, **call (510) 444-CITY** for information and/or recorded updates.
- For emergencies—from a landline call 911; from a cell phone dial (510) 777-3211 (program this number into your cell phone now so it is handy in an emergency).
- To report any tips or suspicious activity, call the Oakland Police Department's non-emergency line at (510) 777-3333 or email opdtip@oaklandnet.com.
- Visit www.511.org or call 511 for up-to-date traffic and transit information.

Keeping peace on our streets and protecting the safety of Oakland residents and businesses is our top priority.

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