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City of Oakland Returns to Normal After May 1 Events  
*Protests throughout City Mostly Peaceful; 39 Arrests for Isolated Incidents of Vandalism and Violence*

*Oakland, CA* — Beginning early this morning, Oakland had returned to normal following a long day of mostly peaceful protests. Between 7 am and about midnight, as many as 5,000 demonstrators engaged in a wide variety of protests, strikes, actions and marches—some permitted and many not—in locations across the City.

By and large, the events unfolded peacefully and the City met its primary goal of facilitating the various marches and expressions while quickly addressing unlawful behavior.

As has happened many times before, there was a small group of people who came to Oakland intent on provoking violent confrontations with the police and vandalizing the city. Fortunately, the Oakland Police Department was able to isolate those individuals, arrest them quickly and minimize the damage they were able to cause.

“May Day in Oakland has traditionally been dedicated to supporting immigrants’ rights with broad community support for large marches to City Hall. Once again, a small group intent on confronting the police and doing damage to public buildings and businesses in our city disrupted yesterday’s largely peaceful events,” said Mayor Quan. “I want to thank the Oakland police and the other law enforcement agencies for their evolving strategies which balance the rights of peaceful demonstrators with enforcement against violence. I also want to thank our Fire Department and Public Works crews who put out small fires last night and swiftly cleaned up the city overnight so that commuters could get to work and Oakland could get back to business as quickly as possible.”

### **Police Operations and Arrests**

Police returned to normal operations this morning. Officers were assigned to canvass locations to document incidents of vandalism which may have gone unreported last night, or were unknown until this morning.

### ***Arrest Numbers***

Preliminary total: 39 confirmed arrests:

- 27 arrested for willfully delaying or obstructing law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties
- 7 arrested for failing to disperse an area declared an unlawful assembly
- 1 arrested for robbery, battery, and resisting or delaying arrest
- 1 arrested for battery and resisting or delaying arrest
- 1 arrested for violation of a restraining order
- 1 for vandalism
- 1 for vandalism and possession of an incendiary device

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### ***Mutual Aid***

About 150 officers were made available through mutual aid from the following agencies: Alameda County Sheriffs Office, California Highway Patrol, Pleasanton Police Department, Hayward Police Department, Emeryville Police Department, Union City/Newark Police Department, and Fremont Police Department,

### **Public Property Damage/Clean-up**

- Public Works crews worked round the clock with street sweeping and other clean-up activities to restore the City
- Most of the clean-up required was at Frank Ogawa Plaza. This included removing the very large chalk drawing on the pavers by the BART entrance and removing a large amount of debris, duct tape and posters from light poles and bench areas
- Graffiti on the BART elevator was handled by City staff and then painted by BART

### **Private Property Damage/Clean-up**

- No board-ups were needed on public or private property that required City crews.
- Damage to private property, including the broken window at Wells Fargo Bank last night, was handled by the private property owners.

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