

News from: **The City of Oakland**

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### **City of Oakland Prepared for Anticipated Labor Strike Today**

***Sworn Police, Fire and Emergency Services staff will not strike***

*Oakland, CA* — The City of Oakland's civilian labor unions have announced their intention to call a **one-day strike today, Monday, July 1.**

In an effort to avert a labor strike on Monday by unions representing about 2,470 City of Oakland employees, Mayor Jean Quan met on Friday with representatives of IFPTE Local 21 and SEIU Local 1021. During the meeting, the Mayor and City negotiators presented an economic proposal package that included a cost-of-living pay increase for employees, within the amount allocated in the budget passed by the City Council.

Mayor Quan offered to meet Friday night and as long as necessary through the weekend to reach an agreement and avert a strike. The Mayor's offer to continue talks was declined. She continues to offer to meet any time, and hopes the City and the employees will return to the table and accelerate negotiations. City negotiators are expected to meet with IFPTE Local 21 at their next regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, July 5th. SEIU Local 1021 negotiators have offered to meet on Tuesday, July 9th.

The Administration is making plans to address the unpredictable service impacts in the event of a strike. City facilities, programs and services will be disrupted or severely reduced, if not closed, in the event of a strike. The following is a summary of possible service impacts we can anticipate. However, details can change: this is a fluid and unfolding situation, and we will provide timely updates as more information is available.

### **Public Safety and Emergency Services will Continue**

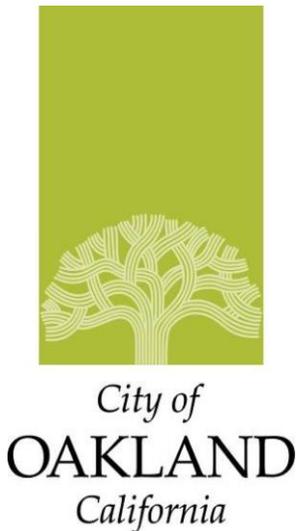
Our highest priority is to continue to provide public safety services to the community. **Police, fire and emergency services personnel will not participate in a strike.** Police emergency response, including traffic enforcement and investigations, will be operational.

### **Online Services Will Remain Available**

We encourage the public to use City services that are available online on the City's web site at [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com):

- [Pay a parking citation](#)
- [Report and track non-emergency problems, such as graffiti, illegal dumping or potholes](#)

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### ***Online Services, continued:***

- [Report non-emergency crimes](#)
- [Renew a residential parking permit](#)
- [Pay a delinquent garbage bill](#)
- [Request a Public Record](#)
- [Research and download agenda reports and legislative actions of the Oakland City Council](#)
- [Register Foreclosed and Defaulted Residential Properties](#)
- [Register for a City of Oakland dog license](#)
- [Register for Parks and Recreation activities and classes](#)
- [Oakland Public Library's Online Catalog and web-based services will be available](#) (e.g. holds, renewals, reservations, etc.)

### **Buildings, Services and Programs that will Remain Available:**

- The **Broadway Shuttle** will be in normal operation.
- The **East Oakland Sports Center** Fitness Room will be open to card-holding members; the pool will be closed.
- Serious **public works emergencies**—such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions—will be responded to.

### **Programs, Services and Facilities that will be Unavailable:**

#### **Programs**

- Head Start and Early Head Start sites
- Senior Centers
- No summer food service
- Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP): No case management services for frail seniors except for scheduled home visits
- No brown bag food distribution
- No sale of paratransit taxi/bus vouchers
- All camps, field trips and events will be cancelled
- Camp registrations and facility reservations will be taken online only

#### **Services**

- No parking enforcement
- No street sweeping
- No public restrooms at City facilities
- No routine maintenance work
- No animal control services (in-shelter animals will be cared for by sworn officers and/or volunteers)
- No abandoned auto detail
- No police records services, including tow release and crime reports
- No fingerprinting
- No fire and CUPA inspections
- No Fire Department plan checking and permits
- No building inspections

## **Facilities that will be Unavailable**

- Parking Citation Assistance Center
- Oakland Animal Shelter
- Housing Assistance Center
- Recreation centers and parks
- Pools and recreation facilities (except the fitness room at the East Oakland Sports Center)
- Business Tax License
- Business Assistance Center
- Permit Counter
- All Library facilities will be closed, including all summer food service sites
- Civic Center buildings: City Hall, 150 and 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza

## **Staying Informed**

The City will use a variety of communications channels to keep the public informed about strike-related service impacts:

- Check our web site for regular updates: [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com)
- Follow us on **Twitter**—@CityofOaklandCA
- Call **(510) 444-CITY** for information and/or recorded updates
- 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). 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.
- Visit [www.511.org](http://www.511.org) or call 511 for up-to-date traffic and transit information.

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