



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Protests Anticipated in Oakland during Three-day Holiday Weekend

Oakland, CA – The Oakland Police Department is aware that a number of protests are planned starting today and through the three-day Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend (January 16 - 19). You will see increased police presence to facilitate peaceful expressions. Keeping peace on our streets and protecting the safety of Oakland residents and businesses is our top priority, along with affording the rights of freedom of speech and assembly, and we will be prepared. Mayor Libby Schaaf asks that as a community we honor the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by demonstrating peacefully, as he did with great courage and powerful impact, and we look forward to celebrating his legacy safely.

The following is a summary of the protests we are currently aware of by date, time and location:

Saturday, January 17:

- 11 am at Lake Merritt BART Station; public education rally
- 12 noon at 7911 MacArthur Blvd; rally and march
- 3 pm at Fruitvale BART Station; rally and march
- 7 pm at 50th Street and Telegraph Ave; rally and/or march

Sunday, January 18:

- 11 am at Oakland DMV; rally and/or march
- 12 noon at Oakland WalMart; rally and/or march
- 4 pm at Rockridge BART Station and Market Hall; business interruption
- 7 pm at Frank H. Ogawa Plaza; rally and march

Monday, January 19:

- 9 am at West Oakland BART; mass meditation
- 11 am at Frank H. Ogawa Plaza or Fruitvale BART station; rally and march
- 11 am at Fruitvale BART station; rally and march

Please note that there may be other events that spontaneously arise that we are not currently aware of. We are providing this information to raise awareness about these events, not to alarm, and so that you may plan ahead. Note that traffic could be intermittently displaced if demonstrations occur. OPD will facilitate traffic to ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety. If traffic and/or transit impacts occur, visit www.511.org or call 511 for up-to-date transition information.

Feel free to share this information with your employees, neighbors and tenants.

- Want updates from OPD about the locations and other key facts about protests as they are occurring? Sign up at www.nixle.com to have messages sent to your cell phone or email.

- Subscribe for emergency alerts from the City of Oakland at <http://bit.ly/1um74CR>. You can choose to subscribe for email updates, SMS Text messages or both.
- Stay safe. If you witness any acts of violence, call the Oakland Police Department (OPD) at 9-1-1 or (510) 777-3211 from a cell phone.
- Do not leave dumpsters, garbage cans, bottles, chairs, tables, sandwich boards or other objects outside. They can be used as projectiles.
- Since there is no waste collection Sunday morning, please do not put out your bins and dumpsters Saturday evening.
- The City's economic development staff has been in personal contact with businesses damaged by vandals. We – and other City resources – are available to help you. For assistance, call the Business Assistance Center at (510) 238-7952.

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