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Oakland City Council Meeting of March 15, 2016

Oakland, CA – Disruptions interrupted the orderly conduct of the Oakland City Council meeting of March 15, 2016, making it unfeasible and impractical to continue the meeting. The disruptors were asked to cease their interruptions and return to order so that the Council could continue its business.

The City Council went into recess for 10 minutes to allow the disruptions to cease. The disruptions did not cease and the President Pro Tempore, who was chairing the meeting, announced that because the disruptions had not ceased and continued to make the meeting unfeasible, the room would be cleared and requested police to clear the room. Representatives of the Oakland Police Department determined that they were unable to safely clear the chambers. The disruption of the meeting continued.

The Council President Pro Tempore then announced that the disruptions continued to interrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting making it unfeasible and impractical to continue the meeting, that the persons who were disrupting the meeting, when asked, refused to cease their interruptions and that the police concluded that clearing the room was not feasible. Therefore, he announced that the Council would recess and continue the meeting in another room without the public pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.9 (the Brown Act).

The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Brown Act in the Mayor's Office conference room. Members of the press were provided access into the meeting and the meeting was video recorded as required.

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