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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: November 18, 2011

INFORMATION

The City Administrator's Weekly Report is a tool for the Administration to report out the week's highlights to the Mayor, City Council, the General Public and Local Media. The Weekly Report will serve as a news briefing, and includes important City news, updates on key initiatives and projects and a listing of upcoming City-sponsored meetings and events. The Weekly Report will be issued every Friday throughout the year, and will break during the legislative recess in August, the week of the Thanksgiving holiday (next week) and the last two weeks of December. The Weekly Report will be available on the City's website and the public will have the ability to sign up to receive email notifications through GovDelivery when they are posted.

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Update on Occupy Oakland—On November 14, the Oakland Police Department enforced the “Notice of Violations and Demand to Cease Violations” issued on November 11 to the remaining individuals lodging in Frank Ogawa Plaza (Plaza) related to the Occupy Oakland Demonstration. In conjunction with outreach and support services, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) facilitated a strategy of removing the encampment without any incidences of use of force, violence, or injury to citizens or officers. A total of 32 individuals were arrested after choosing to stay within the camp following repeated opportunities to leave. As a result, the Public Works Agency staff members completed the removal 27.8 tons of debris and 8.2 tons of green waste for a total of more than 36 tons removed out of the Plaza. At this time, the Plaza remains open for peaceful demonstrations and assemblies, however lodging is strictly prohibited. The City has learned of a demonstration planned in Downtown Oakland on November 19. As such, the City would like to remind demonstrators that while peaceful forms of expression and free speech rights will be facilitated, acts of violence, property destruction and overnight lodging will not be tolerated. For more information on OPD efforts, please contact Sgt. Christopher Bolton, Chief of Staff, at (510) 238-3131 or at cbolton@oaklandnet.com. For more information on PW clean-up efforts, please contact Brooke Levin, Assistant Director, at (510) 238-5451 or at blevin@oaklandnet.com.

Mutual Aid Clarification—After research and discussion with the California Emergency Management Agency (CALEMA), the City has learned that law enforcement agencies responding to Oakland's mutual aid requests are responsible for incurred costs. It should be

noted that the City had mistakenly communicated in past press releases and conferences that agencies responding to Oakland's two calls for mutual aid would be reimbursed by the State of California. This statement was made because at that time, the City was advancing discussions to declare a state of emergency which would have provided reimbursement. However, after additional discussion with CALEMA representatives, it was determined that such a declaration would not meet the City's best interests. The OPD continues to partner with those agencies that provided needed support in all situations, and they stand ready to assist them in return. Our community is strengthened by the commitment of law enforcement professionals and the shared vision of public safety through mutual aid assistance. For more information, please contact Sgt. Christopher Bolton, Chief of Staff, at (510) 238-3131 or at cbolton@oaklandnet.com.

Multi-Agency Law Enforcement Warrant Sweep Success—On November 10, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) announced the successful conclusion of a collaborative multi-agency enforcement operation that occurred between November 4 through 9. Led by OPD and the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force, the goal of the operation was to positively impact overall public safety through focused efforts to locate and serve state arrest warrants, conduct probation and parole searches, conduct enforcement operations on targeted individuals, gangs, and locations, and gather intelligence regarding violent crimes. As a result, a total of 138 arrests, 86 sexual offender compliance checks, 13 firearms seizures, and various narcotic seizures were conducted. For more information, please contact Sgt. Christopher Bolton, Chief of Staff, at (510) 238-3131 or at cbolton@oaklandnet.com.

Oral Arguments Redevelopment Lawsuit – Last week, the California Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the California League of Cities and California Redevelopment Association (CRA/League) lawsuit against the State of California. The CRA/League legal team argued that the two budget bills (AB 1x26 and AB 1x27) directly violate Proposition 1A (2004), Proposition 22, and Article 16 Section 16 of the California Constitution. They outlined how the two bills are not severable both in fact and in intent. The Court is expected to issue its decision prior to the January 15, 2012. A clear majority of justices expressing support for the petition to strike down AB 1x 26 and 27 was not apparent nor was there a clear majority to uphold the two bills. The CRA/League legal team has expressed concern that a number of justices seemed to believe that the bills are severable and that a worse-case scenario where the elimination bill is upheld and the voluntary opt-in bill is struck down could be the outcome. If that were to be the case, Redevelopment Agencies would be eliminated without a mechanism for reinstatement. The City is closely tracking the developments of this lawsuit and will be providing updates to employees and the public. For more information, please contact Fred Blackwell, Assistant City Administrator at (510) 238-3671 or at fblackwell@oaklandnet.com.

Outcome of Measure I—On November 15, the Temporary Emergency Parcel Tax (Measure I), was not passed by a vote of 37.75% to 62.25%. The Measure, which would have raised approximately \$11 million for Oakland, required two-thirds approval to pass and would have created an \$80 per-parcel tax for most Oakland homeowners for five years. Revenues from the tax would have been allocated to restore some of the services that were reduced as part of the recently adopted FY 2011-2013 budget. The failure of the Measure does not automatically imply that additional cuts will be necessary this year in order to maintain a balanced budget, as

the City Council adopted a balanced two-year budget in June that did not assume these additional revenues. For more information, please contact Sabrina Landreth, Budget Director at (510) 238-4936 or at slandreth@oaklandnet.com.

Outcome of Measure J—Additionally on November 15, Measure J failed, which would have allowed the City to extend the period to fund the Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) unfunded actuary liability beyond the current 2026 full funding deadline. The measure was not passed by a vote of 46.77% to 53.23%. The extended payment period would have allowed the City to spread significant gains and losses over a greater number of years to more effectively manage the City's obligation to make payments and to ensure protection of PFRS Fund assets. A draft Measure J funding report indicated that the measure would have allowed for an extension of the payment period between 1 and 5 years, depending on actuary assumptions, with savings up to \$8 million per year. For more information, please contact Joseph Yew, Finance Director at (510) 238-6471 or at jyew@oaklandnet.com.

Permit and Tracking System Project Launched—On October 27, the Department of Information Technology, in partnership with the Community and Economic Development Agency (CEDA) held a "Project Initiation" meeting, signaling the launch of a new Building Permits, Code Enforcement, Planning and Zoning system. This state-of-the-art system will allow citizens to apply and pay for permits, schedule inspections, check the status of a permit or inspection and print an approved permit directly from the internet 24-hours a day/seven days a week, from the convenience of a home, office or mobile application. This \$4.9M project is expected to go live in June 2013, replacing the existing 30-year-old Permit Tracking and Code Enforcement software. For more information, please contact Ken Gordon at (510) 238-2023 or at kgordon@oaklandnet.com.

GO Bond Refunding Opportunities—In an effort to find ways to restructure and reduce the annual debt service obligations of Oakland property owners, the Finance and Management Agency's Treasury Division has been reviewing refunding opportunities on all of the City's General Obligations Bonds (GO Bonds). This debt is supported by property taxes for the purposes of issuing bonds for various construction projects as previously approved by Oakland voters. By refunding Measure G (Series 2002A) and Measure DD (Series 2003A) Bonds, the City could achieve \$4.03 million or 5.92% in present value savings. This could reduce the tax levy for Oakland property owners by an estimated \$0.70 per \$100,000 in assessed valuation. Savings from a General Obligation Bonds cannot be transferred to the General Fund and can only be returned to the owners of the real property. For more information, please contact Joseph Yew, Finance Director at (510) 238-6471 or at jyew@oaklandnet.com.

Opening of Army Base Winter Shelter—The City of Oakland, in cooperation with the City of Berkeley and the County of Alameda, is sponsoring a temporary winter shelter at the Oakland Army Base in Building 821. The Shelter was opened on November 15 (one day earlier than anticipated) and will continue to be open through at least April 15, 2012. The Winter Shelter is open 7 days per week from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., and provides hot evening meal and support services for those in need. There are 100 available beds for Oakland and Berkeley residents. Shuttle transportation to and from the Winter Shelter will be provided from downtown Oakland

and from West Oakland BART. The Army Base Shelter is operated by the non-profit Anka Behavioral Health, located at 16th and Clay Streets. For information on access to the Winter Shelter, contact the Oaklanders Assistance Center at (510) 444-CITY.

Oakland Fire Department Launches Cadet Program—The Oakland Fire Department's (OFD) Emergency Medical Services Division recently selected ten young people, ages 18-35, for the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Cadet Program and the Paramedic Cadet Program. The cadets receive scholarships to complete their EMT and Paramedic certifications, in return for 100 hours (for EMT) or 500 hours (Paramedic) of volunteer service in the City of Oakland. The cadet programs are an invaluable opportunity for young adults to be exposed to careers in the fire service and in emergency medicine. For more information, please contact Bill Sugiyama, EMS Division Manager, at (510) 238-3736 or at wsugiyama@oaklandnet.com.

Oakland Public Library Releases 2009-2011 Annual Report—On November 9, the Oakland Public Library released its Annual Report. The report covers a variety of information, including financial and attendance statistics, updates regarding services for children and teens, and highlights of special events. The report covers two fiscal years, from July 2009 through June 2011, and is available online at http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/annual_report_10-11/index.html. For additional information, please contact Tom Downs, Library Community Relations Assistant, at (510) 238-3271 or at tdowns@oaklandlibrary.org.

Re-Opening of the 25th Street Mini Park—On November 12, the Office of Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Councilmember Nancy Nadel and the Oakland Public Works Agency, celebrated the opening of the Mini Park located at 25th Street at Martin Luther King. The renovation of the park was made possible through East Bay Regional Parks Measure WW Funds totaling \$430,000. In 2004, the park was temporarily closed as a result of deterioration and the attraction of illicit activities in the area. The project rehabilitation included modifications to the irrigation and drainage system, fence replacement, new drinking fountain, new trees and shrubs, play and fitness equipment, rubberized play surface, concrete seating walls, ADA paved pathways, site lighting, site furnishing, storm drain connection and other related work. With gating that will be opened at dawn and closed at dusk, the park will provide a safe haven for children and families in the neighborhood. For more information, please contact Audree Jones-Taylor, Director, at (510) 238-7527 or at AJones-Taylor@oaklandnet.com.

20th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Homeless, Seniors & Low Income Citizens—On November 22, the City of Oakland along with generous sponsors will convene its 20th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the homeless, seniors, and low income citizens of Oakland. This event will occur at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Oakland Marriott City Center at 1001 Broadway Street. Entertainment will be provided while those in attendance enjoy a hot turkey dinner, served by Oakland's finest volunteers. Sponsors for this event include: NBA Rising Star Dorell Wright & the D Wright Foundation, University of Phoenix, Clorox, Communities United Committee, Emergency Food Providers Advisory Committee, DHS Community Action Partnership and DHS Community Housing Services. For more information on how to donate to, support or volunteer for this event, please call our hotline at (510) 986.272, J.H. Lee at (510)

836.7400 or visit the website link on the DHS website at
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca/groups/dhs/documents/>.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Recreate Art Contest & Exhibit--- November 18, 6:00 p.m.-8:00p.m., Museum of Children's Art (MOCHA), 538 9th St., Suite 21. Oakland's annual art competition, hosted by Public Works, is held in honor of America Recycles Day. This contest is promoted in Oakland Schools to use discarded or reused materials creatively. For more information, please contact Kristine Shaff at (510) 238-2966 or at kshaff@oaklandnet.com.

Mayor's Annual Toy Drive---November 19, 11:00 a.m.-4:00p.m., Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Hearing Room 3. Mayor Jean Quan's Office will be kicking off the 2011 Mayor's Holiday Toy Drive by accepting applications from families who would like to be eligible to receive donated toys for the Holiday season. To determine eligibility, families must bring: a Picture ID; Proof of Oakland residence (rent agreement, PG&E or phone bill); Proof of Children's ages (birth certificate, medical card or social security number) for ages 0-12; Proof of income (IRS statement or paycheck stub). For more information, please contact the hotline at (510) 777-TOYS. Donations can be made safely online at:
<http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/Mayor/index.htm>.

Community Feed---November 19, 11:00 a.m.-1:00p.m., Rainbow Recreation Center, 5800 East 14th Street. Office of Parks and Recreation and the Rainbow Rec Center will be providing a holiday meal to feed the homeless, seniors, families and those in need. For more information, please contact Horace Huston hhouston@oaklandnet.com or Sister Alice at (510) 615-5751 or 5721. Admission is Free.

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The Holiday Tradition---December 3-18, 11:00a.m.-5:00p.m (Saturdays and Sundays only), Dunsmuir-Hellmann Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. The Office of Parks and Recreation invites you to the Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate to enjoy a mansion tour, carriage rides, breakfast with Santa, holiday teas and lots of shopping and more! For ticket information, please go to www.dunsmuir-hellman.com or call (925) 866-9559.

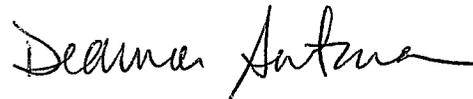
Holiday Caroling on Lake Merritt---December 8-18 (see enclosed flyer, times vary), Lake Merritt Boating Center (inside Lakeside Park), 568 Bellevue Avenue. Enjoy a unique view of Oakland as you voyage around Lake Merritt and glide past Holiday Cove and the 18th Street Fountain. Carollers with be treated to complimentary cookies and hot cider at the Lake Merritt Boating Center. To make your reservation for individual, group or private tours, or for more information, please contact the Boating Center at (510) 238-2196 or Sarah Herbelin at sherbelin@oaklandnet.com.

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I hope that this newly initiated City Administrator's Weekly Report provides useful information and I am open to suggestions that promote information sharing and transparency.

Respectfully submitted,



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City Administrator

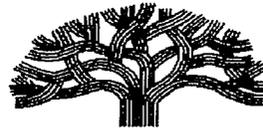
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