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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: January 12, 2012

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Update on Impacts Related to Redevelopment—The California Supreme Court's December 29 decision regarding the elimination of Redevelopment Agencies statewide set February 1, 2012 as the dissolution date for Redevelopment Agencies. This decision will have a devastating impact on the City of Oakland. This court decision not only affects the Community and Economic Development Agency, it affects the entire City. Redevelopment funds have been used to support staff, projects, and programs throughout the City organization. Redevelopment revenue funds 159 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions throughout most City agencies/departments; however, since many staff are only partially funded by Redevelopment money, the elimination of this funding source actually impacts many more positions throughout the City. The loss of Redevelopment funding creates a potential annual budget gap ranging from \$25-30 million. However, unless there is an extension passed by the State Legislature, the elimination of Redevelopment funds creates an immediate deficit in the current year budget which must be corrected by February 1, 2012. Although there is no certainty of passage, a group of State representatives are working on a bill to extend the effective date of the elimination of redevelopment agencies. It is clear that the only responsible approach is to assume that Redevelopment funds will be eliminated on February 1 and proceed accordingly, with the understanding that if State legislation extends the deadline, the City will revise its timeline accordingly. In order to meet the February 1 deadline, between January 20 and 23, the Mayor and I will submit a budget-balancing proposal to the City Council, to be considered during a special Council meeting on January 25 at 5:30 pm. As a result of this compressed schedule, and to comply with the timeline required to implement any layoffs and ensure a balanced budget by February 1, the City will be required to issue layoff notices by Wednesday, January 18. It is anticipated that the notices will be broadly issued in order to provide the City Council with the broadest possible flexibility in making what will surely be a difficult decision-making process with very little time to deliberate.

This week, several immediate cost-containment measures have been put in place to ensure prudent financial management during this critical time, including the following:

- Effective Monday, January 9, the City Administrator placed a moratorium on hiring City employees and in procuring non-essential purchases across all funds.

- Every City agency and department was asked to submit proposals to reduce their budgets by 5%, due Friday, January 13.
- The City Administrator is seeking employee input on cost-saving or revenue-generating ideas through a confidential on-line survey.
- The City Administrator sought authorization from the City Council to request every bargaining group in the City to re-open their contracts.

Even though employees may receive a layoff notice, it does not mean that every individual receiving a notice will be laid off. The City is continuing to review its options, but this action is required to meet minimum legal notification requirements.

Employee Relations Division Moves to the City Administrator's Office—In the next few weeks, City of Oakland's Employee Relations Division will be moving from the Department of Human Resources Management to the City Administrator's Office and will be combined with the existing Equal Opportunity Program Division. Both Divisions will be under the Employee Relations Director, LaWanna Preston. Combining these critical functions into one division under the City Administrator's Office will enable the City to better coordinate the management of employee issues, labor relations and overall organizational development. For more information, please contact Scott P. Johnson, Assistant City Administrator at (510) 238-6906 or at sjohnson@oaklandnet.com.

Frank Ogawa Plaza Update— On the evening of January 7, protesters gathered at Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and marched through the downtown streets. Internet postings and social media advertisements regarding the event in some cases suggested that the assembly and march were focused on committing acts of violence and vandalism against the police. During the march, protesters disabled police vehicles, assaulted officers with rocks and bottles, vandalized a media van, and started a bonfire at the intersection of 8th Street and Washington Street. Six protesters were arrested for offenses ranged from assaulting officers, possession of explosives, resisting/delaying officers, and vandalism. One of the protesters arrested was in possession of an explosive device described as a quarter stick of dynamite. While the City has facilitated hundreds of past lawful and peaceful assemblies and marches without incident, acts of overt violence and vandalism clearly will not be tolerated. The private security company that provided on-site security services for the Plaza has been terminated as of January 6. As such, the Police Department has resumed routine patrols in the area. For more information, please contact the Oakland Police Department's Media Relations Office at (510) 238-7230, or at opdmedia@oaklandnet.com.

Oakland Ranks #5 on New York Times List of Places to Go in 2012—In a story that appeared in the New York Times on January 8, Oakland was ranked as the 5th most desirable destination to visit this year in *The 45 Places to Go in 2012*. Oakland placed between #4 London and #6 Tokyo in the coveted list and was the highest ranked North American city. The article highlights Oakland's growth restaurant and entertainment scene, including the reopening of the Fox Theater in Downtown. To access the article online, please visit <http://travel.nytimes.com/2012/01/08/travel/45-places-to-go-in-2012.html>.

Oakland Police Department Recognizes Exceptional Police Services Technician

Performance—At last week's CompStat Meeting (where crime strategies are strategically developed and measured), two Police Services Technicians (PST) Dan Dowd and Darryl Wilson received commendations for exceptional service above and beyond the requirements of their duties in three separate incidents detailed below:

- On October 3, 2011, PST II Dan Dowd received information about a wanted homicide suspect's vehicle. After a diligent search, he located the vehicle unoccupied and parked. His dedication and persistence resulted in the recovery of valuable evidence.
- On July 26, 2011, PST II Darryl Wilson received information on a burglary that had just occurred. To assist with the active investigation, he ran the suspect's vehicle in a parking ticket system and found several locations where the vehicle is routinely and illegally parked. Patrol officers armed with this information located the vehicle, arrested the suspect, and located loss items from the burglary.
- On August 3, 2011, PST II Darryl Wilson again observed suspicious behavior and actions by the registered owner of a vehicle he was processing for tow. As such, PST II Wilson communicated his concerns and patrol officers continued an investigation. As a result, a parolee was arrested for felony narcotics sales.

Both PST II Dowd and Wilson currently work in the Department's Bureau of Field Operations Traffic Section out of the Eastmont Police Substation (BFO2). Their actions exemplify their dedication to community service and teamwork. For more information, please contact Sergeant Chris Bolton, Chief of Staff at (510) 238-3131 or at cbolton@oaklandnet.com.

Oakland Public Library offers free JOB ON classes in January and February—The Oakland Public Library has announced it will reprise its very popular JOB ON series of classes designed to help people search for work in a methodical and effective way. Led by instructor Nancy Rhoda, the four-class series breaks down job searching into logical steps, such as clarifying goals, finding prospective employers, shaping resumes, performing well in interviews, and follow-up. Classes begin January 18 and are held at the Main Library and the West Oakland Branch. For more information, please visit http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/PR/PR_Job_On.pdf

Alameda County Community Action Partnership Grant—This January, the Office of Parks and Recreation was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Alameda County Community Action Partnership to provide a Family Market Farm at Lowell Park in partnership with a variety of organizations. These include: Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP), West Oakland Middle and MLK Elementary School, Parent Teacher Associations, Oakland Based Urban Gardens, Lifelong Medical, Familyhood Connection and various community and youth sports team user groups. The Lowell Park Family Market Farm will serve an intergenerational connection place where families can share their learning and experiences while planting, harvesting and eating healthy food. For more information please contact Mark Hall at mhall@oaklandnet.com.

Museum of Children's Art (MOCHA) Offers Free Admission to Library Card Holders on Second Saturdays—MOCHA and the Oakland Public Library are partnering up to connect

children's art and literacy every second Saturday of each month starting in January. On these second Saturdays, patrons can present their library card for free admission to the museum. January 14 will mark the first event in which Librarian Laurie Wilhalm is scheduled to read a story at 1:00 p.m. and MOCHA artists will guide related art activities. MOCHA is at 538 9th Street, Suite 210. For information, call (510) 465-8770 or visit www.mocha.org.

East Oakland Sports Center—The East Oakland Sports Center started off the New Year with another session of our swim lesson program which will run through the end of the month. New fitness equipment, including weight machines, free weights and cardio machines are now available for use. In addition, Free Fridays are still in effect with various movement/dance classes available for the public. For more information, please contact Harith Aleem, Recreation Supervisor at (510) 615-5838

Presentation of City of Oakland Humanitarian Award to Derreck B. Johnson at the "In the Name of Love" Musical Tribute Event Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—On January 15, Congresswoman Barbara Lee will be present the City of Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award to Mr. Derreck B. Johnson for his outstanding work on behalf of the Oakland community at the "In the Name of Love"—the 10th Annual Musical Tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event, held at the Paramount Theatre starting at 7:00 p.m. This extensive civic and cultural event will pay homage through music to one of the greatest humanitarians of our time. The recipient of the Humanitarian Award, Derreck B. Johnson, is the President of Chicken and Waffles, a chain that includes some of the most popular and successful soul food restaurants in the country. Mr. Johnson uses his businesses to give back to the community by hiring individuals most in need of support, particularly young men returning home from prison. The event will feature musical entertainment from the legendary, Grammy Award winner Mavis Staples, Oakland teen sensation and America's Got Talent Finalist PopLyfe, the powerful 65-voice Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, the renowned Youth Speaks, and the 275-voice Oakland Children's Community Choir accompanied by the Oaktown Jazz Workshops. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under. Please visit www.ticketmaster.com, call (800)-745-3000 or visit the Paramount Theatre Box Office to purchase tickets. For more information about the event, please contact Dana Perez St. Denis, Department of Human Services at (510) 238-3247 or at dperez@oaklandnet.com.

African American Museum & Library at Oakland to Host Black History Month Interviews—On January 23, the African American Museum & Library at Oakland will be hosting the taping of Comcast's Black History Month interviews. The interviews will be broadcasted on local Comcast public service channels for Black History Month in February. For more information, please contact Veda Silva at (510) 637-0199 or at vsilva@oaklandlibrary.org.

Morcom Rose Garden Pruning Day—On January 14, the Public Works Agency is sponsoring its annual rose pruning demonstration from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Morcom Rose Garden located on 700 Jean Street (rain or shine). This event is held in collaboration with the Friends of the Morcom Rose Garden and the East Bay Rose Society. The public is invited to learn rose pruning techniques from Master Rosarians. In addition, assistance in other tasks such as mulching and weeding will also be needed. Attendees should bring their own hand pruners, gloves and

warm clothing and help prune more than 5,000 rose plants (over 900 rose varieties). The Morcom Rose Garden is recognized as one of the "Top Ten" Rose gardens in the country. This event is free to the public. For more information, please contact Kristine Shaff, Public Information Officer, at (510) 238-2966, or a kshaff@oaklandnet.com.

Upcoming Business Closure Day and Holiday for the City of Oakland—On January 13, the City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other City services for a business closure day. Additionally, administrative offices will be closed on January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. Please note that Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the business closures or holidays. Business Closure Days, such as the one on January 13, were agreed to by employee labor unions as part of the pack of employee concessions to balance the City's \$58 million budget deficit. Below are specific service impacts for January 13-16:

Parking Enforcement

- Regular enforcement will occur throughout the City for all parking violations on Friday, January 13 and Saturday, January 14.
- Monday, January 16 is a parking holiday during which motorists do not need to pay for parking at City meters.

Public Works

- No street sweeping will occur.
- Serious emergencies – such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions – will be responded to.

Oakland Public Library

- All libraries will be closed Friday, January 13.
- The Main Library will be open on Saturday, January 14.
- All branch libraries will be closed Saturday, January 14.
- The Main Library will be closed Monday, January 16 (branch libraries are always closed on Mondays).

Oakland Animal Shelter

- Closed on Friday, January 13 and Monday, January 16. People who find stray animals and cannot hold them when the shelter is closed should call (510) 777-3333 between the hours of 7 am to 3:30 pm to be put in touch with a Shelter representative.
- Open during regular hours of 12 noon to 5 pm on Saturday, January 14 and Sunday, January 15.

Office of Parks and Recreation

- Visitors will have access to parks; however gates and restrooms will be closed and staff will not be on site.
- Fee-based programs will continue at participating sites.

Human Services

Senior Centers

- All senior centers will be closed on Friday, January 13 and Monday, January 16.

Head Start/Early Head Start Programs

- Head Start and Early Head Start sites will be open on Friday, January 13, but closed on Monday, January 16.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Accepting Applications for Junior Warriors & Girls Junior Warriors Basketball—

Applications are being accepted for participation in the Junior Warriors & Girls Junior Warriors Basketball. Season begins January 21, and runs through February 25. Ages 5-11, \$30 per player and \$250 to enroll an entire team. For more information, please contact the Office of Parks and Recreation at (510) 238-PARK.

Morcom Rose Garden Pruning Day—January 14, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Morcom Rose Garden, 700 Jean Street. The public is invited to learn rose pruning techniques from Master Rosarians. Please bring your own hand pruners, gloves and warm clothing. Free to the public. For more information, please contact Kristine Shaff, Public Information Officer at (510) 238-2966 or at kshaff@oaklandnet.com.

Native American & Spanish Encounters: Now and Then—January 14, 6:00 p.m.-7:30, Peralta Hacienda, 1488 Coolidge Avenue. Professor Vladimir Guerrero, champion of the contributions of Native Americans to early California history, will launch a dialogue between descendants of the Spanish colonizers of the East Bay and present-day Native Americans in Oakland. This free event is sponsored by the National Park Service. For more information, please call (510) 532-9142 or visit www.peraltahacienda.org.

"In the Name of Love" Musical Tribute Event Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.—

January 15, 7:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway. This extensive civic and cultural event will pay homage through music to one of the greatest humanitarians of our time. The event will feature musical entertainment from the legendary, Grammy Award winner Mavis Staples, Oakland teen sensation and America's Got Talent Finalist PopLyfe, the powerful 65-voice Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, the renowned Youth Speaks, and the 275-voice Oakland Children's Community Choir accompanied by the Oaktown Jazz Workshops. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under. Please visit www.ticketmaster.com, call (800)-745-3000 or visit the Paramount Theatre Box Office to purchase tickets.

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service—January 16, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Various Locations in Oakland. Be one of the hundreds of volunteers to join Oakland Mayor Jean Quan and City Councilmembers for the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service at various sites around Oakland including Lake Merritt and Gardens, Peralta Hacienda Park, Sobrante Park, Shepard Park and more. Volunteers may register online in advance, or drop by. For more information, please visit www.milkchallenge.com or email sfpbayarea@gmail.com.

Stop the Gunfire MLK Day Gathering—January 16, 10:00 a.m.-Noon, Regeneration Church, 238 E. 15th Street. A collation of religious and community leaders calling for an end to gun violence. A program featuring hip hop, Gospel, spoken word and drama and community networking will occur. Event is free. For more information, please visit www.regenerationweb.com.

Dream: Let's Make it Real-14th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday Celebration—January 16, 10:00 a.m.-2:00p.m., McClymonds High School, 2607 Myrtle Street. Free event sponsored by the Attitudinal Healing Connection (AHC). Hosts: Kevin Taylor, McClymonds High School Principal, and Kokomon Clotey, Executive Director of AHC. Special MLK Jr. Award Presentation. Keynote speaker: Dr. Elinora Webb, President of Laney College; Mistress of Ceremonies: Aimee Allison; Indigenous Sacred Prayer: Xochipilli. For more information, please call (510) 652-5530.

African American Museum & Library Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Film Festival—January 16, 11:00 a.m.-7:00p.m., African American Museum Library (AAMLO), 659 14th Street. The AAMLO is honored to continue its traditional Martin Luther King, Jr. film festival by presenting a selection of critically acclaimed documentaries that put into historical perspective the nation defining-movement of the 1950s and 1960s for African American civil rights. For more information, please visit: www.oaklandlibrary.org/aamlo.

Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration—January 16, 1:00 p.m., Taylor Memorial Methodist Church, 1188 12th Street. This year's event features the internationally acclaimed Linda Tillery and the Heritage Choir plus talented performers from around Oakland. Oakland's past, present and future will share in the day. Members of Senior Centers from around Oakland will share how their experiences before and after Dr. King. Students from local high schools and colleges will share what is relevant for their lives in relationship to Dr. King's Dream. K- 8 students will focus on the future sharing their hopes and dreams. Interspersed with these speakers will be multi-cultural musicians and dancers performing their interpretations of Dr. King's Dream. For more information, please visit www.taylorchurch.org.

Assembly Select Committee on the Status of Boys and Men Holds Information Hearing—January 20, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Elihu M. Harris State Office Building, First Floor Auditorium, 1515 Clay Street. Assemblymember & Chair Sandre Swanson and members of the Assembly Select Committee on the Status of Boys and Men invites the community to "Claiming the Promise of Health and Success for Boys and Men of Color in California." Seating is limited. For more information, contact Assemblymember Swanson's office at (510) 286-1670.

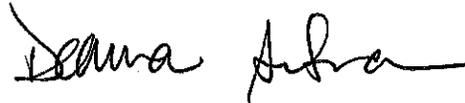
Lunar New Year Festival—January 21 & 22, Chinatown. Ring in the Chinese New Year at this annual event that brings Chinese Americans and others from all over the Bay Area to Oakland's Chinatown. For more information, please visit www.oaklandchinatownchamber.org.

Oakland East Bay Symphony Performance of Carmina Burana—January 27, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway. The Symphony will perform one of the most recognizable and frequently performed choral works in the Western classical tradition. The Symphony will be joined by the Oakland Symphony Chorus and Oakland Youth Orchestra to celebrate the recent merger of the three organizations to form the newly created East Bay Performing Arts. Tickets range from \$20-\$70. Please visit www.ticketmaster.com, call (800)-745-3000 or visit the Paramount Theatre Box Office to purchase tickets.

11th Annual Year of the Dragon Celebration at the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA)—January 29, 12:00-4:30 p.m., OMCA 's 11th annual Lunar New Year Celebration and Other Asian Traditions: Year of the Dragon features a full afternoon of celebration, festivities, performances, demonstrations, and workshops that include elements of Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese, Tibetan, and other Asian cultures. Cost included with Museum admission, Free to OMCA Members. For more information, please visit <http://museumca.org>.

New Era/New Politics Walking Tour—February 4, 10:00-11:30 a.m., African American Museum & Library, 14th Street at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Stroll through downtown and discover the places where Oakland African American leaders have made their marks. Reservations are encouraged. To make a reservation, please call (510) 238-3234 or e-mail aallen@oaklandnet.com.

Respectfully submitted,



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