



MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Deanna J. Santana

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: February 3, 2012

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Update on Occupy Activities - On January 28, a crowd of 500 protesters unsuccessfully attempted to break into the historic Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center. This action was taken in spite of the City of Oakland's repeated advisements that peaceful assemblies, protests and marches would be facilitated, but that the illegal breaking and entering into buildings or other criminal acts will not be tolerated. In their attempt to illegally gain entry to the Convention Center, members of the crowd charged skirmish lines and assaulted officers with bottles, metal pipes and other projectiles, spray cans, improvised explosive devices and burning flares. After regrouping in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, the protesters returned to the streets and marched through downtown Oakland. After ignoring a dispersal order, at approximately 6:30 pm, protesters invaded the YMCA and were arrested. Protesters pried open the front doors to Oakland City Hall and vandalized the interior including breaking a window to Hearing Room 3, tipping over and seriously damaging the historic model of City Hall, destroying a case containing a model of Frank Ogawa Plaza and breaking into the fire sprinkler and elevator automation closet to try and activate the sprinklers. The flags from the landing of the grand staircase were stolen including the American flag which they burned on the front steps of City Hall. During the events of the day, three police officers were injured and two protesters reported injuries. Over 400 citations or arrests were processed throughout the day. The City received mutual aid from the following law enforcement agencies: the California Highway Patrol; Sheriff's Departments of Alameda County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County, San Francisco County and Marin County; the cities of Fremont, Hayward, Berkeley, Pleasanton, San Francisco and Union City/Newark; and the University of California-Berkeley. City's Public Works staff worked diligently Sunday to remove offensive graffiti by power washing the hardscape in Frank Ogawa Plaza, removing debris from City Hall and Plaza area and fixing the damaged lawn sprinkler system. Video of the City Hall break-in and photos of damage were released to the media. Investigators are attempting to identify the individuals responsible for these criminal acts and are encouraging anyone with information to contact the Oakland Police Department at (510) 238-3268. For additional details, please visit www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK031909.

Update on Occupy Oakland Costs – As of January 20, the most recent cost estimates of the activities related to the Occupy Oakland protest total approximately \$2.7 million. This amount

includes personnel overtime (OPD Staff, Public Works, IT, KTOP) of approximately \$2.24 million through the January 20th pay period as well as \$417,000 for equipment and other services including technology enhancements, security, vehicle rentals and glass repair. Labor costs after January 20 are not included in this total and will be available on February 10. Cost estimates are currently being reviewed for possible reimbursement, such as through the City's insurance carrier. Updates will be provided when more information is available. For more information, please contact Sabrina Landreth, Budget Director at (510) 238-4936 or at Llandreth@oaklandnet.com.

Update on Impacts Related to Redevelopment - On January 31, Oakland City Council passed an Amended Policy Budget for FY 2011-13. While the original budget passed in June 2011 was balanced, the City had to rebalance the budget as a result of a California Supreme Court ruling that set February 1, as the dissolution date of Redevelopment Agencies statewide. For the City of Oakland, the loss of Redevelopment funding created a potential budget gap of about \$28 million – approximately \$8.2 million in FY 2011-12 (February-June 2012) and approximately \$20.3 million in FY 2012-13. The elimination of Redevelopment means a dramatic change for the City of Oakland. As a result of the deadline set by the Court, the City had only a few weeks to complete a budget-balancing process that normally takes about eight months to complete. It is also forced the City to act out of sequence, without the usual and necessary community and workforce engagement that typically accompanies budget decisions, especially decisions of this magnitude. The budget passed Tuesday by City Council was based on the Proposed Amended Budget presented by the Mayor and the City Administrator on January 23. The Adopted Budget differs from the proposed budget in the following ways:

- Restores funding to cultural programs and institutions
- Restores funding for Neighborhood Services Coordinators (NSC), resulting in no reduction in the number of NSCs
- Restores funding for the 211 Call Center
- Eliminates three additional positions, two filled and one proposed
- Restores funding for one position in Human Resources slated for elimination
- Includes a two-week delay in staff layoff date

The Adopted Amended Policy Budget will result in a loss of approximately 102 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, 71 of which are filled. The City Council voted to delay the layoffs 10 business days, therefore, the layoffs take effect on February 22. As with every budget reduction involving layoffs, staff in Human Resources are performing analysis of seniority lists, vacant positions and other factors to notify employees impacted by layoffs. For staff not impacted, the process of sending letters to rescind their January 18th layoff notices has begun. For additional details on the Redevelopment/Budget situation, please visit www2.oaklandnet.com/#redev.

City Administrator Appoints Public Safety Professionals as Police & Fire Chiefs - On February 2, the City Administrator announced her appointment of Howard Jordan as Police Chief and Teresa Deloach Reed as Fire Chief. These appointments provide permanent leadership and stability to the City's public safety organizations at a critical time. Fire Chief Reed, a 22-year resident of the Oakland area, is a nationally recognized leader in fire services and is the first

African American female chief to lead a major metropolitan fire department. She began her career in the Fire Service in 1986 as a firefighter for the San Jose Fire Department and rose through the ranks to hold the positions of Fire Engineer, Fire Inspector, Fire Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. Chief Howard Jordan, a 24-year veteran of the Oakland Police Department, has served in a range of assignments including patrol, investigations, internal affairs and administration. He has held every rank in the department during his tenure, from officer to Interim Chief of Police. To access the press release including full biographies for Chief Reed and Chief Jordan, please visit www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca/groups/ceda/documents/pressrelease/oak033105.pdf. For more information, please contact Harry Hamilton, Public Information Officer at (510) 238-2107 or hhamilton@oaklandnet.com.

Chief Jordan Announces Significant Command Changes at OPD – On February 2, as part of the his commitment to move the Police Department forward in complying with the mandates of the Negotiated Settlement Agreement (NSA) and improving service to the residents of Oakland, Chief Howard Jordan announced his appointment of Captains Sean Whent and Darren Allison as Interim Deputy Chiefs, and Anthony Toribio as the Assistant Chief of Police. This newly organized team shares the Chief's goal of bringing the Oakland Police Department into full compliance with the NSA. In addition, the Chief has begun the process to permanently fill the interim positions. Interim Deputy Chief Whent is a 16 year veteran of the Department who has worked Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Internal Affairs, Office of Inspector General, and as a Field Training Officer. Interim Deputy Chief Darren Allison is also a 16 year veteran who has worked Patrol, Office of Inspector General, Internal Affairs, Special Operations, Criminal Investigations, and was a member of the SWAT Team. Assistant Chief Toribio is a 22 year veteran of the Department. For more information, please contact the OPD Media Relations Unit at (510) 238-7230 or opdmedia@oaklandnet.com.

Oakland Fire Department and Long-Time City Employee Passes - With heartfelt sadness, the City of Oakland reports that Ms. Robynn A. Parker, one of the Oakland Fire Department's (OFD) Personnel, Safety and Liability Division employees passed away on February 1. Prior to being part of the OFD family, Robynn held positions throughout the City of Oakland including the Public Works Agency, Oakland Police Department, Life Enrichment Agency and Community & Economic Development Agency. Since her employment began with the City of Oakland in 1998, Robynn proved to be a conscientious, hard-working individual who gave the City of Oakland and the community almost fourteen years of public service and commitment. Robynn was a true professional who loved serving the public and a team player willing to lend a helping hand to her fellow workers. She graduated from California State University/Bakersfield and was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. Robynn will be laid to rest in Pittsburg, PA. She will truly be missed by her City of Oakland colleagues. Services for Robynn A. Parker are as follows:

Viewing

Monday, February 6, 2012
Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Fouche Hudson Funeral Home
3665 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland

Funeral Service

Tuesday, February 7, 2012
11:00 a.m.
Beth Eden Baptist Church
1183 10th Street, Oakland

CPRB Forum Slated for February 9 has been Postponed - The Citizens' Police Review Board (CPRB) has postponed the Forum on the Police Response to Occupy Oakland due to security and safety concerns of those scheduled to participate. The Board has scheduled a Special Meeting at 6:15 p.m. on February 16 in City Council Chambers to discuss the future plans of the forum. For more information, please contact Patrick Caceres at (510) 238-3325 or pcaceres@oaklandnet.com.

FEMA Awards Grant to Oakland for New Fire Truck – On January 31, the City of Oakland announced that it had received a major grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fund the purchase of a new aerial fire truck for the Oakland Fire Department. The City of Oakland will receive \$789,360 through the FEMA Assistance Firefighters Grant Program. This program provides special funding to enhance the ability of fire departments to protect the public and fire personnel from fire and related hazards. The new truck will allow the Fire Department to better assist Oakland residents and is a major improvement to the aging fleet. The truck should be in service no later than December 2012. For more information, please contact Sue Piper at (510) 238-7439 or spiper@oaklandnet.com.

Public Works Agency Plans Temporary Street Closure on Coliseum Way - To facilitate the safe removal of railroad tracks, the City of Oakland will be temporarily closing Coliseum Way from Independent Road to Julie Ann Way. The anticipated road closure dates are February 14 through February 28 with construction occurring between 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Since this two-week project is weather dependent, there may be delays in starting or finishing construction. If a weather delay is experienced, posted signs will be adjusted as quickly as possible. Notices of the temporary road closure have been distributed to residents and businesses in the area. Signs will detour motorists on to San Leandro Street and I-880. The City is working with Union Pacific Railroad to remove the railroad tracks and repave Coliseum Way with asphaltic concrete. For more information, please contact the Transportation Services Division within the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency at (510) 238-3684.

Oakland Public Library Offers Free Tax Help – From February 1 through April 16, trained volunteers will be on hand at several library locations to help residents file their taxes. This free assistance is made possible thanks to a long-standing partnership between the Oakland Public Library and AARP. The service will be available at the Main Library, César Chávez Branch, Eastmont Branch, Dimond Branch and Golden Gate Branch. Most locations require advance appointments (call ahead), but walk-ins are accepted at Main and Eastmont on a first-come, first-served basis. For a complete schedule and additional information, please visit [www.oaklandlibrary.org/PR/Free%20Tax%20assistance%202012%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/PR/Free%20Tax%20assistance%202012%20(2).pdf).

Office of Parks and Recreation Summer Employment Opportunities - Starting February 6, the Office of Parks and Recreation will be offering summer employment opportunities. Positions will be available in the Sports Unit, Cultural Arts and Camp programs and the Radical Roving Recreation Program. It should be noted that funding for these employment opportunities to not come from the City's General Fund. Applications will be accepted through March 5. Please see enclosed flyer for more detail. To apply, please visit www.oaklandnet.com during the opening

period. For more information, please contact the Department of Human Resources at (510) 238-3112.

City Employee Derin Minor and East Oakland Sports Center Honored by NCCAPWA - The Northern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association has selected Derin Minor as Public Works Employee of the Year. The Awards Ceremony will be February 23 at the San Ramon Marriott. In addition, the East Oakland Sports Center also won an award for Project of the Year, Structures. For more information, please contact Vitaly Troyan, Director of Public Works, at vtroyan@oaklandnet.com.

Rotary Nature Center Receives Donation and Hosts First Annual Kids' Winter Bird Count - On January 24, the Rotary Nature Center received a donation of 40 carpet squares from Anderson Carpets and Linoleum. These items are for use during OPR's elementary and middle school interpretive programs in the main auditorium of the Rotary Nature Center. The children are very appreciative of this kind donation. On January 28, the Rotary Nature Center and Golden Gate Audubon Society (GGAS) hosted the first annual Kids' Winter Bird Count at Lake Merritt. At this event, 28 families attended with ages ranging between 4 and 55. The attending families were given an overview of the history of Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge, the Pacific Flyway and the various waterfowl and birds that reside in the refuge. This event was free to the public and GGAS provided all of the materials needed for the program including scopes, binoculars and educational materials for the participants. For more information, please contact Alexa Fulper at (510) 238-3739.

Upcoming Mandatory Business Closure Day and Holidays at the City of Oakland - The City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other City services for a business closure day on February 10. Additionally, administrative offices will be closed on February 13 in observance of Lincoln's Birthday and February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day. While the City's administrative employees are out of the office, if a situation arises that requires more staffing, the City has a plan in place to call in additional resources. It should be noted that Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the holidays or business closures.

Caltrans Plans to Close Westbound Deck of the Bay Bridge over Presidents' Day Weekend - Beginning February 17 at 8:00 p.m. through 5:00 a.m. on February 21, Caltrans has scheduled a closure for the westbound deck of the Bay Bridge. Freeways in Oakland leading to the Bay Bridge will see changes in traffic patterns and lane closures. Since the bridge closure is weather dependent, check for updates at www.BayBridgeInfo.org or by calling the closure hotline at (415) 288-8802.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

City Wide Sports - Running through February 25, Elmhurst Middle School, 1800 98th Avenue. City Wide Sports is kicking off the New Year with Jr. Warriors Basketball. The Jr. Warriors are a team with 12 active players ages ranging from 11-13 yrs old. In total, there are 120 participants playing on 10 teams. Registration is still being accepted. For a registration form and information to sign up, please visit the Oakland Parks & Recreation website at www.oaklandnet.com/parks.

City Wide Track and Field program - Every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., McClymonds High School, 2607 Myrtle Street. McClymonds High School is hosting FREE track clinics in partnership with 100 Black Men. The clinics serve 160 youth between the ages of 5-15 yrs. This event is open to the public and prior registration is not required but suggested. For more information on these clinics, contact Willie White at (510) 238-3897.

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New Era/New Politics Walking Tour - February 4, 15 and 23, 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.

Rabbits to Dragons: Lunar New Year 2012 Festival - February 4, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 9th St., Suite 290. Welcome the Year of the Dragon with dance and music performances by OACC's teaching artists and students, arts & crafts for the kids and workshops for the whole family. For more information, please visit www.oacc.cc.

Laurel Lunar New Year - February 4, Noon - 2:00 p.m., MacArthur Blvd. between 35th Ave. and High St. Great family fun with lion dancers blessing local stores in the Laurel and more. For more information, please visit www.laureldistrictassociation.org.

Communal Drumming for Healing - February 4, 4:00 - 7:30 p.m., Attitudinal Healing Connection, Inc., 3278 West St. Kokomon Clottey, author of *Mindful Drumming: Ancient Wisdom for Unleashing the Human Spirit and Building Community*, will facilitate this gathering that offers individuals the opportunity to experience diversity through rhythm and sound. Participants will utilize the twin concepts of rhythm and sound as a way of raising awareness and consciousness for a rich experience of joy and peace. For more information, please visit www.ahc-oakland.org.

Community Gardening - February 6, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fitzgerald Farm, corner of 34th St. and Peralta St. City Slicker Farms (CSF) will host a Volunteer Work Day at the Fitzgerald Farm open to anyone that is interested in helping with the growth and development of this community farm. CSF operates a community urban farm in partnership with the Office of Parks and Recreation's Community Gardening Program at Fitzgerald Park in West Oakland. This partnership began in 2001 to assist the community grow and distribute thousands of pounds of its own fresh produce. For more information, please email Peter Collier at pcollier@oaklandnet.com.

Mayor Jean Quan's State of the City Address—February 8, 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), Oakland City Hall, 14th and Broadway Streets. For more information, please contact the Office of the Mayor at (510) 444-2489.

Book Signing and Author Talk: *The Sky's the Limit* - February 9, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th St. Retired Judge Lise Pearlman's book *The Sky's the Limit* brings to life the 20th Century protests that rocked America. Each headline trial serves as a window into its own era, but the author asserts that the 1968 murder trial of the Black Panther Party founder Huey Newton should head the list. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

Redefining Black Power: Reflections on the State of Black America - February 9, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Marcus Bookstore, 3900 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. A panel discussion on Obama's term thus far will be led by Joanne Griffith, award-winning international broadcast journalist and editor of *Redefining Black Power*. Attendees are invited to participate in the discussion. For more information, please visit www.marcusbooks.com.

Barbara Lee & Elihu Harris Lecture Series - February 9, 7:00 p.m., Oakland Marriott City Center, 1001 Broadway. Presented by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freedom Center, this event features Jack O'Dell and Bob Zellner, who both worked directly with Dr. King. The men share their life's work and experience in civil rights. For more information, please email info@mlkfreedomcenter.org.

Question Bridge: Black Males Blueprint Roundtable - February 11, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St. Artist Chris Johnson and actor Jesse Williams join moderator Chris Chatmon, executive director of the Oakland Unified School District, on the stage with a panel of local Black male youth, young adult community leaders and established Black male community leaders to discuss values, leadership and strategies for overcoming social issues that have emerged over the past 40 years. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org.

Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War - February 11, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th St. Monthly group discussions run through May 2012 with this month's focus on the works of *Imagining War*. Presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

Exhibition Opening - February 11, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th St. Selected paintings from the 50 works inspired by the diverse, free-verse poetry from Milton Bowers' *Words Left Over...The Possibilities* will be featured in this exhibition. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

Olympians Reunion with John Carlos - February 16, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m., Everett & Jones, 126 Broadway. Join former track & field Olympian John Carlos (Mexico City '68) at this reception celebrating our Olympic heritage. Admission donation of \$35 includes autographed copy of *The*

John Carlos Story and photo with John and other Olympians in attendance. For more information, please visit www.afrosportshall.com.

Great Backyard Bird Count - February 18, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., Rotary Nature Center, 600 Bellevue Ave. Please join us for an introduction on bird counts where you will discover what to look for and easy ways to identify your local birds. Practice your skills around Lake Merritt at the oldest wildlife refuge in America. This annual event is hosted by Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Audubon Society. Data from these counts provide valuable scientific information about the status of birds in North America. In 2011, Oakland was 11th in the state with 42 checklists counting 84 different species. This free event is open to all. For more information, please contact Alexa Fulper at (510) 238-3739.

AAMLO Writers Workshop & Tea Tasting Mixer - February 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th St. Presented by Charles and Chandra Chatmon, the workshop will focus on strategies for writing, publishing and marketing for new and aspiring authors. In honor of Black History Month, the Friends of the African American Museum and Library will be offering one-year free memberships to the first five women to sign for workshop. The mixer encourages women to come together, share their experiences and make a difference. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

Black History Month Family Storytime - February 18, 3:00 p.m., Elmhurst Branch Library, 1427 88th Ave. Stories, songs and rhymes for all ages. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/Branches/elm.html.

OMCA Family: Painting with Music - February 19, Noon - 3:00 p.m., Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St. During this special Black History Month workshop for families, see works by California African-American artists in the Art Gallery and make your own musical masterpiece by painting to music. For more information, please visit www.museumca.org.

Oakland East Bay Symphony Concert: Heroes & Giants - February 24, 8:00 p.m., Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway. Featuring works by two of the brightest figures in a generation of European musicians whose careers were prematurely terminated by the rise of the Nazi regime: Czech composer and pianist Erwin Schulhoff and composer Mieczyslaw Weinberg. For more information, please visit www.oebss.org.

Black Women in American History & Culture: Michelle Obama - February 25, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO), 659 14th St. In keeping with AAMLO's theme of Black Women in American History & Culture, Dr. Ula Y. Taylor, Professor of History at the University of California-Berkeley, will deliver a keynote address examining Michelle Obama's role in history based on a recent article on the First Lady authored by Dr. Taylor. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

Celebrate Black History Month with Crafts - February 25, 1:30 p.m., 81st Ave Branch Library, 1021 81st Ave. and 3:30 p.m., Elmhurst Branch Library, 1427 88th Ave. Celebrate African American History with crafts. Guests will be making a version of kente cloth and

creating container gardens to celebrate both Ghanan and Kenyan heritage. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org.

Screening of *The Civil War – The Cause – 1861* - February 25, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., African American Museum and Library at Oakland, 659 14th St. Screening of episode one of a film by Ken Burns takes the audience to 1861 when the stage is set for war as the nation begins to tear apart. Opposition by the North to slavery in the South fuels a bitter debate on States' rights. For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org/AAMLO/index.html.

Oakland Art Murmur Guided Walking Tours - February 25, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Tour starts at Farley's East, 33 Grand Ave. Tours are led by prominent Oakland gallery directors, curators, writers and artists with a different theme each month. This tour's theme is Ceramics and the guide will be Joshua Margolis, artist and member of FM collective. For more information, please visit <http://oaklandartmurmur.org/calendar/saturday-stroll>.

Respectfully submitted,



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