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**Oakland Mayor Jean Quan Keynote Speaker for
Older Americans Month Celebration
Town Hall Discussion
at Downtown Oakland Senior Center**

Oakland, CA – May is Older Americans Month. This year’s theme is *Unleash the Power of Age*. Mayor Jean Quan will welcome seniors and advocates for seniors to the Veterans’ Memorial Building/Downtown Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Avenue, Oakland, on Thursday May 23, 2013, from 9am to Noon, to discuss issues and opportunities facing seniors. What better way to unleash the power of age than with a platform for our older adults’ voices to be heard?

The event is sponsored by the Oakland Department of Human Services and the Mayor’s Commission on Aging. The Commission works with community organizations to advocate, collaborate and educate in support of Oakland’s senior residents.

City Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney (District 3) states, “Senior citizens are an integral part of our vibrant Oakland community. Many of them live in my District, in senior housing on Lake Merritt, Uptown or in the Broadway Valdez corridor. I have been impressed with the fabulous ideas and important requests that many senior citizens have brought to my office in my first few months in office. I look forward to hearing more from our elders at what I anticipate will be a great town hall meeting.”

The first ever Senior Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Mayor’s Commission on Aging:

- **Thursday, May 23, 2013**
- **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**
- **Downtown Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Ave**
- **Free parking is provided**

The day will include facilitated focus group discussions, remarks by Mayor Jean Quan, and sharing of information regarding the issues of importance to Oakland seniors. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend and participate.

Free shuttle will be provided to Oakland Senior Centers and Senior Housing. Call Barbara Ellis at 510-238-7298 or email bellis@oaklandnet.com for reservation.

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