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STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR RE:
Government Reform

The city of Oakland deserves an efficient and transparent government. We have an incredible opportunity to enhance the quality of government in Oakland, and I applaud the actions of the City Auditor and the City Attorney as they join me in the shared vision to bring accountability and coherence to our city.

I support, in principle, the package of reforms brought forward by the City Attorney and the City Auditor and look forward to working closely with them on the details of implementation.

We are currently conducting a comprehensive review of all city spending policies and I have instituted, effective immediately:

- a selective freeze on hiring of new city employees, with the exception of police, fire, and other essential city services
- a moratorium on all departmental travel without prior approval from the city administrator
- and a complete review of all existing credit card policies

I am confident that by continuing the working relationship we have established between the executive and legislative branches of government, and with the participation of the City Attorney and the City Auditor, we will achieve our vision of a municipal government that embodies the principles of integrity, transparency and accountability to the people we serve.

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