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### **Oakland's New Mayor Announces Staff Appointments**

OAKLAND, CA—Within a day of taking the oath of office, Oakland's 49<sup>th</sup> Mayor, Jean Quan, announced that **John Flores**, former Emeryville City Manager and architect of that city's recent economic development, has volunteered to serve as an advisor overseeing the budget and economic development in the City Administrator's office. Quan has also filled most of her nine staff positions.

The Mayor's small staff of nine includes:

**Sabrina Landreth**, Transition Coordinator and Budget Director, former Legislative Analyst to the Council Finance and Management Committee and principal consultant to the California State Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee. Moving the Budget Director of the Mayor's Office is a major shift.

"One of the main responsibilities of the Mayor is to propose and balance the budget. And this year I plan to present the budget in March, two months ahead of the normal May schedule, so that community and the council will have more time to analyze and provide comments on the budget."

**Lewis Cohen**, Senior Policy Analyst for Education, formerly Executive Director of the Coalition for Essential Schools, a leading national school reform organization, and former Assistant Superintendent for Government, Policy and Legislation at the Oakland Public Schools.

**Richard Cowan**, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Boards & Commissions Appointments, who served as her District 4 Chief of Staff during her two terms as Council Member and was the former Executive Director of Legal Assistance for Seniors.

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**Maisha Everhart**, Special Assistant to the Mayor, Federal Relations, formerly a senior consultant to Assemblyman Sandre Swanson. She served as the Northern California Director for Hillary Clinton's Presidential Campaign and as the Partnerships and Grants Director for Al Gore's nonprofit, the Alliance for Climate Protection.

**Reygan Harmon**, Senior Policy Analyst for Public Safety, formerly Complaint Investigator with the Citizen's Police Review Board and a former aide to Council Member Larry Reid.

**Sue Piper**, Special Assistant the Mayor, Communications, formerly a policy analyst in the Council Member's office, public relations consultant and former Vice President of Public Affairs at Alta Bates Medical Center

**Ellen Dillard**, Administrative Assistant and Scheduler, who served in the same capacity in the Council Member's office.

Two remaining positions —Senior Policy Analysts for Economic Development and Intergovernmental Affairs—are still in process.

Also, **Arturo Sanchez** of the City Administrator's Special Business Permits & Nuisance Abatement Division, will advise on public safety, blight and special projects.

"My Mayoral office staff is purposefully small. As a strong mayor, I plan to better integrate the city administrator and mayor's offices into an executive office to provide more cohesive leadership," said Ms. Quan.

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