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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Oakland Mayor Jean Quan's Schedule in Washington, DC This Week

OAKLAND, CA—Just entering her third week in office, Oakland Mayor Jean Quan arrived in Washington, DC early this morning for a week of meetings with cabinet members, elected officials, other mayors of major US cities, and three visits to the White House, including a state dinner with President Barack Obama and President Hu Jintao of the Republic of China.

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Media Briefings are held once a week, when the Mayor on Thursdays from 1-2 pm at City Hall.

**Note:** This week, while the Mayor is at the US Conference of Mayors meeting in Washington, DC, she will hold the briefing via SKYPE in Hearing Room 4.

“As the 43<sup>rd</sup> largest city in the country, my participation in the US Conference of Mayors is key to building relationships in the Capitol and around the country to bring home new ideas, partnership and funds to Oakland,” said Quan.

Today, she attends the White House Policy Briefing in association with **Emerald Cities Collaborative**, a national coalition of 10 cities and labor, business, and technology united around the goal of rapidly greening the nation's central cities and surrounding metropolitan regions on the greenest and most equitable way to head off global climate change while creating a vital new economic sector. She will represent California as one of four mayor panelists at *Green Cities: An Urban Strategy for a Sustainable Future* – A roundtable discussion with Mayors on greening efforts. Other panel participants include:

Shaun Donovan, Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Angela Blackwell, Founder and CEO, PolicyLink  
The Honorable Tom Barrett, Mayor of Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
The Honorable Mike McGinn, Mayor of Seattle, Washington  
The Honorable Angel Tavera, Mayor of Providence, Rhode Island

“This has already meant 1000 more jobs for Oakland, which is one of the leaders in the Green Jobs movement in the nation,” said Quan.

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The next three days are jam-packed with meetings and workshops at the **US Conference of Mayors**, a nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,208 such cities in the nation. Oakland is the 43<sup>rd</sup> largest city in the country. Topics include jobs and economic development, education and workforce, cultural arts, community policing, housing and smart transportation—all topics that are priorities for Oakland.

On Wednesday night, Mayor Quan will attend the **VIP State Dinner** at the White House in honor of President Hu Jintao, President of the Republic of China. She will be bringing as her guest new interim Mayor of San Francisco Ed Lee.

“I am honored to have been invited, especially since 40% of the Port of Oakland’s business is with China,” said Quan, who is the nation’s first Asian American woman mayor of a major US City.

Thursday night, the **Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies** will host a reception honoring Oakland Mayor Quan and San Francisco Mayor Lee as the first Asian American mayors of major US cities. Minority Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Congresswoman Barbara Lee will be joining members of the Asian Congressional Caucus.

Friday and Saturday, she will attend the **Mayors Innovation Project Winter 2011 Meeting** where mayors will discuss green solutions for storm water and new tools for place-based economic development. The Mayors Innovation Project (MIP) is a learning network among American mayors committed to “high road” policy and governance: shared prosperity, environmental sustainability and efficient democratic government.

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Emerald Cities Collaborative <http://www.emeraldcities.org/>

US Conference of Mayors <http://www.usmayors.org/>

Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies

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Mayors Innovation Project <http://www.mayorsinnovation.org/>

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