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News from: **The Office of Mayor Jean Quan**

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**MAYOR QUAN TO HOST EVENT IN  
COMMEMORATION OF “DAY OF INCLUSION”**

*Oakland, CA*—Mayor Jean Quan, local leaders, and community organizations will be commemorating the “Day of Inclusion” in recognition of the countless contributions and sacrifices of all immigrants to the United States. The celebration, which commemorates the 1946 repeal of the more than 60-year-old Chinese Exclusion Act will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, 5:30-7 pm at Oakland City Hall, 3rd Floor, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA.

“Learning about the Chinese Exclusion Act and its discriminatory policy as a college student allowed me to understand my own family’s history and gave me an insight into the plight of other immigrant communities. Oakland is hometown to the world. It is one of the most diverse cities in the country with immigrants from all over the world contributing to Oakland’s vibrant quality of life and it behooves us all to embrace each other’s cultures,” said Mayor Quan.

In 2009, Assemblymember Mike Eng introduced Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 76, designating December 17th as “Day of Inclusion.” ACR 76 grew out of the need to remember the history behind the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. The Chinese Exclusion Act was the first major law that prohibited a specific ethnic group from immigrating to and becoming naturalized citizens of the United States. In the wake of this statute, additional laws were enacted to perpetuate discrimination and unequal treatment of Chinese and other minority groups.

On December 17, 1943, the Magnuson Act repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act and marked a turning point regarding society’s harsh attitudes towards immigrants. By repealing the Chinese Exclusion Act, the United States reaffirmed its commitment to breaking down cultural barriers and further promoting racial, religious and cultural tolerance in our great nation.

“Day of Inclusion: Embracing Global Diversity in Oakland, Commemorating the end of the Chinese Exclusion Act and the continued fight for the American Dream” will feature speakers from various community organizations, awards for dedicated leaders in the community, and multicultural entertainment. Light refreshments will be served.

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Sponsors of Oakland's first Day of Inclusion include:

- Mayor Jean Quan,
- Assemblymember Mike Eng
- Asian Community Mental Health Services
- Black Alliance for Just Immigration
- Catholic Charities
- Chinese-American Citizens Alliance
- Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice
- East Bay Refugee Forum
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Homies Empowerment
- Lao Family Community Development
- League of Women Voters
- Oakland Asian Cultural Center
- Oakland African-American Chamber of Commerce
- Oakland Chinatown Chamber of Commerce
- Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation,
- Unity Council

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