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UPDATED MEDIA ADVISORY

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Police Academy Photo Opportunity

WHAT: Police Academy Photo Opportunity

WHEN: Monday, December 5, 2011 at 10:15 – 10:40 am

WHO: Mayor Jean Quan, Police Chief Howard Jordan, and a representative from Congresswoman Barbara Lee's Office

LOCATION: 455 – 7th Street, Oakland, 5th Floor Classroom

BACKGROUND: Oakland, CA – On Monday, December 5, 2011, the Oakland Police Department will begin its first police academy since the layoff of officers in July of 2010. "Today marks another step towards reducing crime in our City," said Mayor Quan. "The officers will be assigned to the 100 blocks where 90% of the City's violence crime occurs."

The City was awarded \$10 million dollars in grant funds from the Department of Justice, Office of the Community Policing Hiring program, which provides for the hiring of 25 police officers. Congresswoman Barbara Lee played a major role in advocating for Oakland's request.

"This is a great day in Oakland," stated Police Chief Howard Jordan. "Hiring more police officers will definitely help this Department carry out its mission of making Oakland a safer place."

The police officers will be stationed near several middle schools in the 100 blocks identified in the Mayor's 100-block initiative. Part of their job will be to get to know the kids and make sure they get to and from school safely.

The academy will consist of 10 trainees, all of which are POST certified graduates of the Alameda County Sheriff's police academy, and were slotted to become Oakland Police Officers before the layoffs occurred. Additionally, 4 former Oakland police officers will be reinstated. The Department has received approximately 60 lateral applications from individuals interested in becoming Oakland police officers for 11 current openings. If all 11 openings are not filled with the applications, the Oakland Police Department will continue the recruitment process.

"I look forward to greeting the new officers and their contributions to serving our community and department. This is a very exciting time for the City and the Organization," the Chief said.

Press will have an opportunity to obtain B-roll and photos during this time. There will be no interviews given at this event.

Please arrive 10 minutes early as you will need to be greeted in the lobby and escorted to the 5th floor.

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