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Arrests at Frank Ogawa Plaza

Oakland, CA —On January 4, 2012, during the day and evening the Oakland Police Department informed protesters in Frank Ogawa Plaza they would have to remove all items such as displays, tables, large umbrellas and teepee that were set up.

Oakland Police Chief Howard Jordan revoked the temporary encroachment permit issued by the City Administrator's Office to demonstrators on Frank Ogawa Plaza January 2, 2011 because recent incidents have demonstrated that the teepee and table attract nuisances and illegal activity. Specifically, individuals associated with or in support of the revoked permitted activities are sleeping and lodging around the teepee and table, food is being distributed without the necessary health permits, garbage cans have been erected, and the area is being used as long-term personal storage (tables, chairs, mats, tarps, bedrolls, sleeping bags, food, coolers, etc.).

At 11:00 pm Public Works arrived with a truck to remove items with the assistance of OPD to ensure the safety of Public Works. The protesters were again asked to remove the items, but refused. Police arrested 12 protesters who refused to move and were immediately arrested for resisting- 148 (a) (1) PC. Public Works was then able to remove the items and clean the area.

Despite numerous communications from City staff and the police department to address these issues, the violations continued. Through our past experiences of extensive operations required to remove embedded issues and problems, we are now routinely policing areas in order to rectify circumstances when they first appear.

Oakland officers have been confronted by protesters during these patrols and their efforts to lawfully and peacefully resolve violations. We will not tolerate acts of interference, hostility, threats, and violence when attempting to address these conditions in the lawful performance of their duties.

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