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**Oakland Police Department Media Advisory  
Regarding Downtown Oakland Activity**

The Oakland Police Department has learned that an assembly is planned to take place on Saturday, January 21st, beginning at 8:00p.m. with a march to occur afterward along an unplanned and unknown route from Frank H. Ogawa Plaza. Traffic in downtown and West Oakland may be intermittently halted or rerouted.

As always, the City of Oakland and the Oakland Police Department welcome peaceful forms of assembly and free speech; however, social media sites have indicated that individuals or groups plan to target police personnel, police vehicles, property, and media vans. The Oakland Police Department has a strategy in place to react to these contingencies. **The Alameda County District Attorney's Office has charged 14 individuals as a result of recent unlawful acts during related planned and unplanned demonstrations; the Oakland Police Department stresses that criminal activity, including vandalism and violence, will not be tolerated.**

A Public Information Officer (PIO) will be made available in the field, and a media staging area announced should circumstances warrant. The regular Media Relations Office phone number is not operational. Please contact Officer Johnna Watson, [opdmedia@oaklandnet.com](mailto:opdmedia@oaklandnet.com), for additional information.

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