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**Clay Street Garage in Downtown Oakland Closes
Due to Seismic Safety Concerns**

Oakland, CA – The public parking garage located in downtown Oakland at 1414 Clay Street between 14th and 16th streets will close indefinitely tomorrow.

Friday, December 2 will be the last day of visitor parking at the Clay Street Garage. The decision to shutter the 55-year-old facility was made after a recent condition assessment, which raised safety concerns. The potential dangers in a major seismic event were deemed too great to risk keeping the facility open.

Motorists visiting City offices will have a variety of parking options to consider. For a map of other parking facilities in the area, visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Parking/index.htm#Garages>.

The Dalziel Garage, located in the basement of 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and accessible from 16th Street between Clay Street and San Pablo Avenue, will serve the daytime, evening, late night, weekend and special event parking needs of visitors to Oakland's civic center. As had been the case at the closed garage, the Dalziel Garage will offer free parking on Saturdays year-round.

Resources currently used to staff the Clay Street Garage, including on-site security from sunset to close, will be redeployed to the Dalziel Garage.

Short-term Parking for Visitors to Civic Center Plaza

Visitors to City Hall and other City of Oakland offices may park in the Dalziel Garage on an hourly basis. Other options include parking at nearby garages (see map: <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Parking/index.htm#Garages>)

Free Parking for Council Meetings

Consistent with past practices, parking for City Council meetings held in the evening will be available at the Dalziel Garage. Meeting attendees will be able to park in the garage after 4:30 p.m. for free.

Monthly Parkers Relocated

Monthly parkers from the Clay Street Garage and Dalziel Garage will be relocated to the City Center West Garage. This move prioritized short-term parking in the Dalziel Garage for visitors to City offices.

Fortunately, the City Center West Garage, with close to 1,500 parking spaces, has the capacity to accommodate all displaced monthly parkers. The garage is located at 1250 Martin Luther King Jr. Way and is bordered by Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Jefferson Street, and 12th and 13th streets.

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Security Enhancements Planned

The City is committed to providing safe, welcoming parking facilities for visitors and commuters alike. Preparations are underway to improve security in and around the parking garages, including additional surveillance cameras. All cameras are monitored 24/7.

Future of the Clay Street Garage

A study is underway to determine the highest value and best use of the site, including the possibility of replacing some or all of the garage's 335 parking spaces. The City Council has directed staff to produce a report with preliminary recommendations and costs estimates at the earliest possible date.

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