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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sabrina B. Landreth

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of October 7, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Account Clerk II (Restricted)
- Accountant II (Open)

For the most up-to-date information on City jobs, please view the Employment Information page on our website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm>. The Employment Information page also contains information on minimum qualifications of specific job classifications, how to apply for a job on-line and how to submit a job interest card for positions not currently posted. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Management Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

Free Downtown Walking Tours Offer Glimpse of Oakland's History – Through October, free 90-minute walking tours of downtown will be offered every Wednesday and Saturday. Eight different tour itineraries let residents and visitors glimpse both today's happening scene and landmarks from Oakland's past by showcasing the city's changing skyline, landmarks, churches and high-rises. Each tour, led by a volunteer guide, begins at 10:00 a.m. from various starting locations depending on the itinerary. The six-month-long Oakland Tours season ensures ample opportunity to take in each of the eight tour itineraries. Reservations are recommended by leaving a message on the Tours' 24-hour hotline at (510) 238-3234 or via email to aallen@oaklandca.gov. The tour brochure, itinerary descriptions, dates and starting locations are available at www.oaklandca.gov/walkingtours. [Read the media release.](#)

For more information, please contact Annalee Allen, Tours Coordinator, at aallen@oaklandca.gov or (510) 238-3234.

Downtown Oakland Senior Center's 2nd Annual Art & Craft Fair - Shop for unique items inside the beautiful Veterans Memorial Building and on the outside patio. Hand-crafted artwork, jewelry, greeting cards, soaps and body products, needlework and much more. Enjoy snacks and refreshments while you shop a wonderful selection of gifts and holiday items. All indoor booths have been rented but, there are still outdoor booths to rent.

Saturday, October 12 | 9am – 3pm | 200 Grand Avenue

For more information, call (519) 238-3284.

National Preparedness Month – Every year, for the past 16 years across the nation, the month of September has served as a reminder to prepare ourselves, our families, and our communities for the disasters and emergencies that could happen where we live, work and play.

The City of Oakland encourages all residents of and commuters within Alameda County to register to receive Public Information and Warning Alerts through the mass notification system. Help us, help you – visit www.acalert.org and 'opt-in'. If we can't reach you, we can't alert you!

Oakland's Civic Design Lab Wants to Hear from You! – Oakland's Civic Design Lab is partnering with the Department of Transportation to learn more about residents' experiences with parking and towing – specifically regarding challenges with paying for tickets – to develop additional support services. Please take a survey to share your feedback and help inform solutions! The survey is available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese.

English Survey: tinyurl.com/ParkingandTowing

Spanish Survey: tinyurl.com/Encuesta-Parking-Towing

Chinese Survey: tinyurl.com/ChineseParking-Towing

César E. Chávez Library Offers Higher Education Prep – On Saturday, October 5, 11am, high school students can come to César E. Chávez Branch Library (3301 East 12th Street, suite 271) to get help with college applications and essay writing. For information, contact Linda Nguyen, Teen Services Librarian, at lnguyen@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5620.

East Bay Yesterday Recording Live Show at Main Library – On Wednesday, October 9, 6pm, East Bay Yesterday podcast host Liam O'Donoghue will interview Michael C. Healy, author of *BART: The Dramatic History of the Bay Area Rapid Transit System.*, in a special live recording of the show. Expect to hear stories of epic political battles, scandals, a “phantom station,” and even a baby born on BART. The event is part of the Oakland History Room's Fall History Lecture Series, and takes place at the Main Library's Bradley C. Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street. All

are welcome to attend. For information, contact Dorothy Lazard, Librarian II, at dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3222.

Litquake is Coming to Oakland's Main Library – On October 10–19, Litquake, San Francisco's Literary Festival, takes place. (The festival is celebrating its 20th year.) It has become a tradition for the festival to make a stop at the Oakland Public Library (125 14th Street) to bring East Bay authors before an East Bay crowd. Please join us for two highly relevant literary events. For information, contact, Christy Thomas, Librarian II, at cthomas@oaklandlibrary.org or (510)238-3138.

- **Let Her Tell It! Black Women Healing Through Writing** – On Monday, October 14, 6pm, local, female African American authors will offer an honest discussion about real issues depicted in their writing. Kira Lynne Allen, Jeneé Darden, Natalie Devora, Dr. Adrienne Danyelle Oliver and Kelechi Ubozoh will each read from their work before joining in a group discussion with the public.
- **Lit by the Lake at the Library** – On Friday, October 18, 6:30pm, six of the East Bay's literary luminaries will joining forces in a special after-hours event at the Main Library. Authors Lucy Jane Bledsoe, Alison Hart, Vanessa Hua, Saul Lechuk, Jenny Odell, and Margaret Wilkerson Sexton will read from their latest works while you enjoy a glass of wine (for attendees over the age of 21) courtesy of Ashes & Diamonds Winery and treats courtesy of Semifreddis. (All guests will be asked to make a suggested \$5 donation to help offset costs.)

AAMLO's Meet the Author Series Features Armand Gonzalzes, Sr., Discussing Kathryn Magnolia Johnson – On Saturday, October 5, 1pm, the African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO; 659 14th St.) will pay tribute to a national unsung hero during its monthly Meet the Author program. Our special guest will be Armand Gonzalzes, Sr., who will share a slide-illustrated presentation on his recent book, *Kathryn Magnolia Johnson: An Autobiographical Compilation*. A fearless champion for education and social justice for blacks, Johnson's (1878-1954) life as the first field agent for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is reconstructed via her diaries, letters, and news media coverage. This event is free and all are welcome. For information, contact Bamidele Agbasegbe-Demerson, Chief Curator, at bagbasegbe-demerson@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0200.

Book Reading and Signing with Dr. Noah Volz at Eastmont Library – On Monday, October 7, 5-6:30pm, Dr. Noah Volz will read from and discuss his first book *The Master Student* in a free program at the Eastmont Branch Library (in the Eastmont Town Center, 7200 Bancroft Ave., Ste. 211). The book is a guide for students to prepare for a successful chiropractic business. For

information, contact Susan Martinez, Branch Manager, at smartinez@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 615-5726.

Oakland Leaders Toastmasters Speechcraft— Hone your skills as an empowered public speaker and leader. This session is Using Your Speech Strategically. Jeanne Alford, Communications and Media Expert, will present “Research Your Topic” to add interest and credibility to your presentations. Barbara Gross, best-selling author, will present “Speech Purpose” to make your presentations more clear and focused on your specific message and the action you want your audience to take.

Receive support on crafting your own 5-7 minute speech, focusing on adding research and statistics to make your presentations come alive.

Toastmasters is a non-partisan, non-profit organization. Complimentary Course. All are welcome. No need to register.

Monday, October 7 & 21 | 5:30 pm – 7:30pm | 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Hearing Room #3

Downtown Oakland Specific Draft Plan and Environmental Impact Report –Oakland’s Planning & Building Department released the official Draft Specific Plan for Downtown Oakland along with the Draft Environmental Impact (EIR) Report for public review. There is a 45-day public comment period for both documents, closing on October 15. The community is encouraged to join upcoming public meetings to learn more about the Plan’s goals to guide development and implementation for the vitality and equitable development of Downtown, ask questions of the City’s Planning team, and offer comments for consideration.

The documents will be discussed at several upcoming public events, including City of Oakland board and commission meetings:

- Friday, October 4 | Lincoln Summer Nights
- Tuesday, October 8 | City Council’s Community and Economic Development Committee
- Monday, October 21 | Mayor’s Commission on Persons with Disabilities

For more details on all upcoming meetings, including start times and locations, visit: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/downtown-oakland-specific-plan>

Review the Draft Downtown Oakland Specific Plan (DOSP) and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) here: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/downtown-oakland-specific-plan>.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
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