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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 November 18, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Assistant to the Director (Oakland Animal Services)
- Neighborhood Services Coordinator (Selective Language - Cantonese/Mandarin) (Continuous)
- Transportation Engineer
- Transportation Planner III

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.

Toni Morrison Celebration at AAMLO – On Saturday, November 16, 2pm-4pm, local writers Natalie Devora, Andrea Canaan, Jenee Darden, Andreana Clay, and Jewel Gomez are coming to the African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO; 659 14th Street) to explore the life and work of Toni Morrison (1931-2019). A recipient of numerous awards, including the Nobel Prize in Literature, Morrison focused on themes such as love, friendship, race, and oppression. The presenters will examine how Morrison's themes resonate in their own writings. For information, contact Bamidele Agbasegbe Demerson, Chief Curator, at BAgbasegbe-Demerson@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0200.

Storyteller Alicia Retes Coming to Melrose Library – On Monday, November 18, 12pm, Alicia Retes, an engaging storyteller, will perform for children at Melrose Branch Library (4805 Foothill Boulevard). Ms. Retes, who is the Indigenous Interpreter at the Museum of the American Indian at Miwok Park, in Novato, plays a variety of indigenous musical instruments and sings original contemporary tri-lingual songs in Coast Miwok, English and Spanish. For information, contact Kate Hug, Branch Manager, at khug@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5623.

Free Film at the Library tells about Native Americans in Popular Music – On Wednesday, November 20, 6pm-7:30pm, the documentary film *RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World*, will be presented in a free screening at the Golden Gate Branch Library (5606 San Pablo Avenue). The film is an electrifying look at the Native American influence in popular music – despite attempts to ban, censor and erase Indian culture. The film reveals how early pioneers of the blues and jazz had Native American roots, and as the folk-rock era took hold in the 1960s and '70s, Native Americans helped to define its evolution, forever changing the trajectory of rock and roll. The film features music icons Charley Patton, Mildred Bailey, Link Wray, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Jimi Hendrix, Jesse Ed Davis, Robbie Robertson, Redbone, Randy Castillo, and Taboo (Black Eyed Peas). For information, contact Erin Sanders, Branch Manager, at esanders@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5023.

Quinceañera Style: Social Belonging and Latinx Consumer Identities – On Saturday, November 23, 3pm-5:30pm, come to the César E. Chávez Branch Library (3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271) to meet author Rachel Valentina González and learn about the culture of quinceañeras in the U.S. The event is a release celebration for Dr. González, Professor of Latina/o Studies at University of Texas in Austin. She was born and raised in Oakland and spent a lot of time during her childhood at the Latin American Library (which later was renamed the César E. Chávez Branch Library). Her book highlights the importance of young Latinas being visible and valued members of their families and communities. For information, contact Peter Villasenor, Branch Manager, at pvillasenor@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5620.

MacArthur Boulevard Gateway Arches – On Friday, November 8, Vice Mayor Larry Reid and City Councilmember Loren Taylor dedicated the MacArthur Boulevard Gateway Arches, the newest City-funded public artwork. Two colorful, 45-foot-wide, site-specific roadway arches hand-crafted and -painted by East Bay artist Eric Powell now span MacArthur Boulevard. The Oakland arch (located near Durant Avenue) welcomes motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians as they travel into Oakland from the south, while the Eastmont arch (located near 73rd Avenue) greets visitors and residents traveling into deep East Oakland.

At the dedication ceremony, the elected officials were joined by Public Art Advisory Committee Co-Chair Charmin Roundtree-Baaqee, Selection Panel community member Jean Blacksher and others. The arches were commissioned by the City's Public Art Program and were funded by the

City of Oakland's Public Art Ordinance that allocates 1.5% of the City's Capital Improvement Projects to Public Art. Additional financial support for installation was provided by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant for capital improvements in the Eastmont neighborhood. To learn more, read the [media release](#) or contact Kristen Zaremba, Public Art Coordinator, at kzaremba@oaklandca.gov or (510) 238-2155.

Oakland Leaders Toastmasters Speechcraft Graduation Ceremony – Come celebrate with the graduates of the 8-week Oakland Leaders Toastmasters Speechcraft program held recently at City Hall and find out how you could participate in the next one (starting soon). Speechcraft is a great way to supercharge and hone your skills as an empowered public speaker and leader in an accelerated program. During this special graduation ceremony, you will have the opportunity to learn more about this program and give a short (1-2 mins) presentation about who you are and what you're most passionate about. We will also have a special keynote address on Leadership from Linda Patten. She was a Major in the U.S. Army and Protocol Officer to a 4-Star General. She will share her unique take on leadership that comes from a professional and heart-centered/authentic perspective.

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

Monday, November 18 | 5:30 pm – 7:30pm | City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Hearing Room #3

2019 City of Oakland Mayor's Community Toy Drive Registration – On Saturday, November 16, 12 noon – 4pm, the City of Oakland is holding registration for all eligible Oakland residents to receive toys for their children this holiday season.

Registration takes place at Oakland City Hall • Hearing Room 3. Please enter through the 14th Street side door. – signs will be posted.

Applicants do not need to line up before 12 noon, as this is not a first come first served program – everyone that comes will get served.

- To qualify please bring:
- Picture ID
- Proof of Oakland residence (rent agreement, PG&E or phone bill)
- Proof of Children's ages (birth certificate, medical card or social security number) Ages 0-12 up to 4 children per family.
- Proof of income (MediCal card, IRS statement or paycheck stub)

Note: Toy Drive will be held on Saturday, December 14.

FREE Women's Self-Defense Workshop – On November 23, 12 noon – 3pm, the Oakland Police Department hosts a free self-defense workshop to help empower female City employees. Participants learn practical and proven ways to protect themselves including verbal judo tactics, pressure points, ground defense, and attacker escapes like wrist grabs, choke holds and bear hugs. Wear comfortable clothes that you can move in and bring water to stay hydrated.

Location: Oakland Police Department Mat Room, 455 7th St., Oakland

To reserve your space contact Damon Gilbert at (510) 882-8379 or dgilbert@oaklandca.gov.

Inside City Hall – KTOP's newest show, *Inside City Hall*, takes a look at the work of the volunteer members of the City's boards and commissions. Check out the first episode featuring members of the Ethics Commission on KTOP's [YouTube channel](#) or tune into KTOP channel 10 on Wednesdays at 5:30pm & Fridays at 7:30pm.

The 28th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner – On Tuesday, November 26, the City is serving a free holiday meal to the most needy and vulnerable residents.

As part of the event, we also collect gently used coats to give to our dinner guests – we are expecting upwards of 2000 seniors, low income families, and unsheltered individuals who will join us. The Coat Collection effort is an essential part of the annual dinner year and we are asking that all city employees help support this effort. We're collecting coats until Monday, November 26.

Donations can be brought to the lobby of 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza; there are three bins in the lobby.

Oakland Hunger Brown Bag Distribution – On Friday, November 22, the Human Services Department and the Emergency Food Providers Advisory Committee are sponsoring a food distribution for low-income families and seniors.

Central East Oakland:

- Brookins A.M.E. Church | 2201 73rd Avenue | (510) 333-4798 or (510) 638-1842
- Wings of Love Church | 7007 Mac Arthur Boulevard | (510) 569-0223

- Project Outreach | East Oakland Food Pantry | 1256 71st Avenue | (510) 435-5422

West Oakland:

- Prescott Joseph Center | 920 Peralta St. | (510) 827-9715
- Last Phase Loaves & Fishes | 1060 32nd Street | (510) 689-6720

Elmhurst:

- Unity Outreach | 1909 100th Ave. | (510) 652-0789
- Elmhurst Presbyterian | 1332 – 98th Avenue | (510) 568-7861

Central Oakland:

- Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church | 3535 38th Avenue | (510) 530-9166

San Antonio:

- Zion Tabernacle COGIC | 2147 E. 15th Street | (510) 827-7730 or (510) 978-8868
- 13th Avenue Church of Christ | 1300 E. 24th Street | (510) 485-2927

North Oakland:

- Downs Memorial Church | 6026 Idaho Street | (510) 654-5858
- Telegraph Ministry Center | 5316 Telegraph Avenue | (510) 658-4457

Fruitvale:

- Agnes Memorial Church | 2372 International Boulevard | (510) 533-1101
- St. Elizabeth's Parish | 1500 34th Ave. | (510) 536-1266

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
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