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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sabrina B. Landreth

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

- Librarian II
- Librarian II (Selective Certification in Youth Services)

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.

Take a Field Trip to Redwood Regional Park with the Oakland Public Library – On Saturday, November 23, at 12pm, meet up at the Main Library (125 14th Street) and catch a free shuttle ride to Redwood Regional Park. We will be joined by a naturalist as we explore the natural wonders in our own backyard! Oakland Public Library is partnering with the East Bay Regional Park District for this event, which includes a short discussion at the library, a free shuttle to the Park, a naturalist-led walk, and light refreshments. RSVP required; space is limited. All ages are welcome, children should be accompanied by a responsible adult. We will return to the Main Library at approximately 3:30 pm. This hike is not recommended for users of wheelchairs or strollers. Tip: wear sturdy shoes and sun protection. RSVP: 510-238-3138.

For information, contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

LeRoy Chatfield, Organizer Who Joined Forces with César Chávez, Speaking at the Library – On Saturday, November 23, 1pm, community organizer LeRoy Chatfield will speak at the César E. Chávez Branch Library (3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271). Mr. Chatfield will discuss his recently published memoir, *To Serve the People: My Life Organizing with César Chávez and the Poor*, which chronicles his career organizing for marginalized populations – especially farmworkers and exploited working class families in California – alongside famed activists including César and Helen Chávez, Marshall Ganz, Bonnie Chatfield, and Philip Vera Cruz. Please join us for this author talk and book signing.

For information, contact Pete Villasenor, Branch Manager, at pvillasenor@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5620.

Quinceañera Style: Social Belonging and Latinx Consumer Identities – On Saturday, November 23, 3–5:30pm, 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.

A Community Conversation about the Film “Harriet” – On Saturday, November 23, 2–4pm, the African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO; 659 14th Street) is hosting a community conversation about the new film, *Harriet*. The film depicts the life and times of Harriet Tubman, an inspiring, heroic woman who helped change the course of American history. Harriet Tubman was an escapee from slavery, abolitionist, and underground railroad conductor who led hundreds of runaways from bonded servitude to liberty. Our discussion will be led by actor Ayodele Nzinga, Ph.D., Lower Bottom Playaz, psychologist Tony Jackson, Ph.D., PranaMind, and psychologist Ifetayo Flannery, Ph.D., San Francisco State University.

Please note the film will not be screening. This program serves as a community conversation to discuss its themes. It is free and open to the public.

For information, contact Bamidele Agbasegbe-Demerson, AAMLO's Chief Curator, at bagbasegbe-demerson@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0200.

Make an Autumn Centerpiece at the Eastmont Library – On Monday, November 25, 5pm, all are welcome to come to the Eastmont Branch Library (in the Eastmont Town Center, 7200 Bancroft

Avenue, Suite 211) to celebrate autumn by making a beautiful fall-themed centerpiece to adorn your holiday table. All supplies will be provided. For information, contact Susan Martinez, Branch Manager, at smartinez@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 615-5726.

Black + Dada: The Black Arts Movement and the European Avant-Garde – On Saturday, November 30, 2pm, the Main Library (in the Bradley Walters Community Room; 125 14th Street) is offering a public lecture by Dr. Thomas Haakenson about an important cultural movement that began in the 1960s and continues to this day. In the 1960s, the Black Arts Movement (BAM) – and especially Amiri Baraka's groundbreaking poem "Black Dada Nihilismus" – opened the door for a radical engagement with the European avant-garde. Dr. Haakenson will discuss how the current "Black Dada" movement, with its roots in Baraka's poetic revolution, continues to teach us about race, history, and community. Dr. Haakenson is Treasurer of the German Studies Association and Associate Professor of Critical Studies & Visual Studies at the California College of the Arts. This lecture is a joint effort of the Oakland Public Library, the German Studies Association, and the Goethe Institute, as part of the "Deutschlandjahr USA" (Year of German-American Friendship, or #WunderbarTogether).

For information, contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Powerful Day of Powerful Interactions – On Saturday, October 5, the first-ever Oakland Early Learning Symposium was a great success. Over 300 early learning professionals spent the day discussing "powerful interactions for powerful learning." If the energy in the room is any indication, our city's babies, toddlers, and preschoolers are in good hands!

Participants from Oakland Unified, Head Start, private preschools and co-ops, and home-based care settings all came together to share their struggles, triumphs, and lessons learned from their work with young children. A few of the voices from the day are below. For more participant photos and a summary of the day's events, check our website. <http://www.oaklandsmartandstrong.org/ece-symposium.html>

For more information contact Alisa Burton x 2323 aburton@oaklandca.gov

Apply for a Job with the U.S. Census Bureau at the Library – On Tuesday, November 26, 3–5pm, a recruiting assistant will be on hand at the Temescal Branch Library (5205 Telegraph Avenue) to help people interested in applying for a job working with the 2020 Census. Census jobs provide \$25 to \$27.50 per hour, flexible hours, weekly pay, as well as paid training. For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-562-2020 (Federal Relay Service: 1-800-877-8339 TTY/ASCII or www.gsa.gov/fedrelay). The US Census is an Equal Opportunity Employer. For information about this event at Temescal Branch Library, contact Steve Lavoie, Branch Manager, at slavoie@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5049.

Help Bring Holiday Joy to Oakland's Children - The 41st Annual Mayor's Community Toy Drive makes the holidays joyful for Oakland children whose families can't afford gifts. Thanks to City Staff, hundreds of volunteers, more than 16,000 toys, books, gift cards and sporting equipment were given to thousands of children from low-income families. This year, we are more determined than ever to bring holiday cheer to Oakland families in need.

Each year, demand exceeds the number of toys collected – especially for older kids. To help us meet our need, please make a tax-deductible monetary donation, which enables us to purchase additional toys needed. To make a secure online donation, visit <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/city-of-oakland-community-toy-drive>.

Donate toys-When you're out shopping in Oakland, pick up something extra for a child in need, and drop a new, unwrapped toy in one of the many collection bins in place through December 9. You may drop toys off at any of the following locations during regular business hours:

- Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza & 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza
- Oakland Police Administration Building, 455 7th Street
- Any Oakland Fire Station
- Main Library, 125 14th Street
- Cesar Chavez Library, 3301 East 12th Street
- Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue
- Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street
- Children's Fairyland, 699 Bellevue Avenue
- Port of Oakland Headquarters, 530 Water Street
- Chabot Space and Science Center, 1000 Skyline Boulevard
- Montclair Toyhouse, 6115 LaSalle Avenue
- Flax Art & Design, 1501 MLK Jr. Way
- Oakland Ice Center, 519 18th Street
- Dimond Library, 3565 Fruitvale Ave
- Temescal Library, 5205 Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA 94609

The Mayor's Community Toy Drive has partnered with community organizations for toy donations at upcoming special events. Thank you for supporting Oakland's children this holiday season! Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information, including details on how Oakland's low-income families can register for toys, please call (510) 777-TOYS or visit oaklandnet.com/toydrive

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.

Thanksgiving Break Holiday Camps – From Monday, November 25 to Wednesday, November 27 Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development is offering youth day camps at recreation centers across the City. Camps operate on a full-day schedule offering fun and engaging activities in a supportive environment. For camp details and to register please visit <https://cityofoakland.perfectmind.com/23603/Clients/BookMe4BookingPages/BookingCoursesPage?calendarId=9f45d51e-60ed-4a70-9eb0-acbd2a769f72&widgetId=15f6af07-39c5-473e-b053-96653f77a406&embed=False> or contact the individual recreation center.

- Allendale Recreation Center, 3711 Suter St. (510) 535-5635
- Bushrod Recreation Center, 560 59th St. (510) 597-5031
- CP Golden Gate Recreation Center, 1075 62nd St., (510) 597-5032
- Carmen Flores Recreation Center, 1637 Fruitvale Ave. (510-535-5631
- Diamond Recreation Center, 3860 Hanly Rd. (510) 482-7831
- FM Smith Recreation Center, 1969 Park Blvd. (510) 238-7742
- Franklin Recreation Center, 1010 E. 15th St. (510) 238-7741
- Lincoln Square Recreation Center, 250 10th St. (510) 238-7738
- Manzanita Recreation Center, 2701 22nd Ave. (510) 535-5625
- Montclair Recreation Center, 6300 Moraga Ave. (510) 482-7812
- Mosswood Teen Inclusion Center, 3612 Webster St. (510) 597-5038
- Studio One Art Center, 365 45th St. (510) 597-5027

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

A Holiday Tradition – Weekends from Sunday, December 1 until Sunday, December 15, Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development presents "A Walk-Through Wonderland" at the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate located at 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. Celebrate the season by enjoying Holiday

Tea, Breakfast with Santa, touring the decked-out Mansion, and be sure to stop by our magical gift shop to take a little piece of the Holiday Tradition of Dunsmuir with you. Come for the sights, fun, food, entertainment, and most of all the memories. Find event dates and purchase tickets online at https://www.facebook.com/pg/DUNSMUIRHELLMANHISTORICESTATE/events/?ref=page_internal. For more information call (510) 615-5555.

Holiday Caroling on Lake Merritt – From Thursday, December 5 until Tuesday, December 24, the Lake Merritt Boating Center is offering select days of on-the-water holiday caroling tours launching from 568 Bellevue Avenue inside Lakeside Park. Enjoy the Holiday room with hot cider and cookies before beginning your voyage around Lake Merritt. Experience a unique view of Oakland as your Water Sleigh glides past the 18th Street Fountain & Holiday Cove before returning to the Boating Center. Times vary. The admission fee is \$8 per person or \$120 for a private charter of the whole boat. For more information and to view the flyer, please visit www.sailoakland.com. For more information, please contact Gabriel Gipson, Acting Boating Supervisor, at ggipson@oaklandca.gov or (510) 238-2196.

Pottery & Craft Sale – On Sunday, December 8, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. Studio One Art Center located at 365 45th Street will offer the opportunity for the community to support local artists while finding unique holiday gifts for family and friends. There is no entry fee and a portion of all sales go to funding youth scholarships. For more information, please contact Alethia Walker, Recreation Center Director at walethia@oaklandca.gov or (510) 597-5027.

Lions Pool Reopened – On Saturday, November 18, the community celebrated the reopening of Lions Pool located at 3860 Hanly Road in Dimond Park with a ribbon cutting and comments by William Davis Jr., Aquatics Program Director, Lily Soo Hoo, Bureau of Design and Construction, and Marvin Schwartz, community member and active lap swimmer. The community recognized City staff from Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development and Public Works for their service to the community and expressed how important the Lions Pool Project is to the community. Following refreshments, the pool was opened for swimming and fees waived in celebration of the reopening. Lions Pool underwent renovation during 2019 to construct safety improvements that included, the concrete pool deck and pool shell replacement, new lane-line anchors and tile markers, construction of a new retaining wall, and a refresh to the locker rooms.

For more information and the full program schedule please visit, <https://www.oaklandca.gov/resources/learn-more-about-lions-pool-at-dimond-park> or contact William Davis, Recreation Program Director at wdavisjr@oaklandca.gov or (510) 615-5838.

Become a certified IRS Tax Preparer and help low-income families file their taxes at no-cost! – The City of Oakland needs your help in volunteering to prepare hundreds of Earned Income Tax Credit

(EITC) tax returns for eligible low-income earners for the upcoming 2020-tax season. The EITC and Cal/EITC is a refundable federal and state income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. The Earned Income Tax Credit is the most effective anti-poverty strategy and lifts more working families out of poverty than any other federal program. With the combined federal and state credits, eligible families can get *up to* \$6,000 back after filing their taxes. Last year alone, the coalition of FREE Volunteer Income Tax Assistant (VITA) sites brought back over **\$12.4 million** to Oakland's low-income families and with your help we can even do more!

How to get involved?

The City Administrator has once again granted city workers up to 4 hours bi-weekly of paid city time, pending approval from their supervisor, to volunteer! The City of Oakland, in partnership with the Oakland Business Assistant Center, will once again host its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site at 270 Frank H Ogawa Plaza. So, don't delay, contact Don Raulston, City of Oakland's VITA Coordinator, to request an application at 510-238-4911 or via e-mail at DRaulston@oaklandca.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
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