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**MEMORANDUM**

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

- Auto Equipment Mechanic (Open)
- Home Management Specialist II
- Transportation Manager

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.

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***“Motherload”: East Oakland Bike Tour & Film Screening at the Library*** – On Saturday, November 9, 11am– 4pm, the Oakland Public Library is organizing a group bike ride and film screening. Come bicycle with us starting at the César E. Chávez Branch Library (3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271); we roll out at 11am. We'll take bike routes through the Fruitvale and East Oakland neighborhoods and stop for lunch (provided for free) at the 81st Avenue Library (1081 81<sup>st</sup> Avenue), where we'll enjoy a special screening of the documentary *Motherload*. This film is about a new mother's quest to understand the increasing isolation and disconnection of the digital age, its planetary impact, and how cargo bikes could be an antidote. Filmmaker Liz Canning will lead a panel discussion afterwards. We'll then ride out to the new dedicated bike lane on 73rd Avenue before heading back to end our day at the Chavez Branch Library. Bring your bicycle and your appetite and we'll do the rest! The rides will be slow paced, no-drop ride; families and children are welcome. Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For information, contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at [mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-6611.

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***Life in Chaos: Working with Refugees Abroad, with Lexine Alpert*** – On Thursday, November 14, 6pm-8pm, North Oakland resident Lexine Alpert is coming to the Temescal Branch Library (5205 Telegraph Avenue) to present an illustrated lecture about her work with refugees from the Middle East. Having retired from a long career as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, most recently with Kaiser Permanente, Ms. Alpert traveled to Greece to volunteer with residents of Moria Camp on the island of Lesbos and with other refugees in Athens. Many of the refugees there had fled the violence in Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq, while others left their homes in countries such as Somalia and Cameroon, which are dealing with crises caused by climate change. Ms. Alpert's work focused on unaccompanied minors: children who've lost their parents to armed conflict or along the way in their flight abroad. For information about this program, contact Steven Lavoie, Branch Manager, at [slavoie@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:slavoie@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 597-5049.

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***Hong Kong Editorial Cartoonist Zunzi Coming to Asian Branch Library*** – On Wednesday, November 13, 5:30pm-7:30pm, acclaimed cartoonist Zunzi will give a presentation about his editorial cartoons at the Asian Branch Library (388 9th Street, Suite 190). Zunzi will offer insights and commentary of current events in Asia's "World City": Hong Kong. Joining him will be a panel discussion with Hong Kong news and culture commentator, Sang Pu, and Hong Kong native, Ho Wing Tung. Zunzi's book signing will follow. This author and panel discussion event is sponsored by Northern California Hong Kong Club, San Francisco. For information, contact Janet Cheung, Branch Manager, at [jcheung@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:jcheung@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3400.

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***The Controversy in the Way of the MacArthur Maze*** – On Wednesday, November 13, 6pm-7:30pm, the Main Library offers the final installment of this year's Fall History Series with a program about the design and controversial placement of the MacArthur Maze. This program, focusing on Oakland's most complex highway project, will take place in the Main Library's Bradley C. Walters Auditorium (125 14th Street). Local historian Stuart Swiedler will present a talk that will utilize rare aerial photographs, ground images, and documents to tell the story of the Maze project and the controversial impact it had on the neighborhood and specifically the California Industries and Orientation Center for the Blind. For information, contact Dorothy Lazard, Librarian II, at [dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 238-3134.

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***Living on Ohlone Land: A Talk with Corrina Gould*** – On Wednesday, November 13, 6pm-7:30pm, the Dimond Branch Library (3565 Fruitvale Avenue) will host a presentation and discussion about Indigenous sites in the East Bay. The program will be led by Corrina Gould, and will focus on the Sogorea Te' Land Trust, an urban Indigenous women-led community organization that facilitates the return of Chochenyo and Karkin Ohlone lands in the Bay Area to Indigenous stewardship. Ms. Gould is the spokesperson for the Confederated Villages of

Lisjan/Ohlone and co-founder of Indian People Organizing for Change, hosts of the annual Shellmound gathering in Emeryville. She also formed Sogorea Te' Land Trust. For information, contact Sarah Hodgson, Branch Manager, at [shodgson@oaklandlibrary.org](mailto:shodgson@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 482-7844.

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***Toni Morrison Celebration at AAMLO*** – On Saturday, November 16, 2pm-4pm, local writers Natalie Devora, Andrea Canaan, Jenee Darden, Andreama 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](mailto:BAgbasegbe-Demerson@oaklandlibrary.org) or (510) 637-0200.

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***Kids Teach Tech*** – On November 9, 2019 Oakland Parks, Recreation, and Youth Development partners with Kids Teach Tech to offer free coding classes at Rainbow Recreation Center located at 5800 International Avenue. Beginners welcomed, no prior coding experience required. Three classes available to choose from - Scratch Programming, Python I, or Building Your Own Website with HTML [Register here](#).

For more information email [info@kidsteachtech.com](mailto:info@kidsteachtech.com) or contact Horace Houston, Recreation Center Director at [hhouston@oaklandca.gov](mailto:hhouston@oaklandca.gov) or (510) 615-5751.

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***Equitable Climate Action Plan Town Halls*** – After nearly a year of development with numerous community partners, the City will release its draft 2030 ECAP at the end of October. City staff and the Oakland Climate Action Coalition **invite all Oaklanders to two Town Hall meetings on November 2 and 13**, to discuss what's in the draft plan and provide detailed feedback. Come enjoy a free meal, learn about this important effort, and dive deeply into the proposed solutions for fighting climate change and building community resilience to a changing climate over the next 10 years. Childcare and simultaneous interpretation will be available if requested a week in advance of each meeting. [Register here for the 11/2 Town Hall meeting](#) from 1-4pm at the Rainbow Recreation Center, and [here for the 11/13 Town Hall meeting](#) from 6-9pm at the Lincoln Square Recreation Center.

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***Evening Hour Passport Services*** – The Office of the City Clerk is offering evening service hours for first time and renewal passport books and cards. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact (510) 238-3226 or [cityclerk@oaklandca.gov](mailto:cityclerk@oaklandca.gov).

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***Oakland Fire Department's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (RESCHEDULED)*** – On **November 9, 11am – 3pm**, the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee invites you to come out and celebrate with the Oakland Fire Family at this free family-friendly event along the waterfront. Start in front of 47 Clay St. at the Old Fire Station 2 to start the celebration. We'll continue down Water St. to connect to Broadway Ave.

Enjoy apparatus displays, presentations, and giveaways!

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***ADU Process Made Easier*** – To help expand housing options for Oakland residents, the City has streamlined the process for property owners to build Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) on their lots. Please see below for general requirements, check out the [Secondary / Accessory Dwelling Units Overview Handout](#), review the [Zoning](#) and [Building Code Requirements](#), and [apply to get your own ADU approved!](#)

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***FREE Women's Self-Defense Workshop*** – On November 23, 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 7<sup>th</sup> St., Oakland

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

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***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.

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***The 28<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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Respectfully submitted,  
/s/  
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City Administrator