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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sabrina B. Landreth

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

DATE: September 20, 2019

INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of September 23, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Cashier
- Housing Development Manager
- Recreation Center Director (Restricted)
- Stationary Engineer (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.

Community Insights Needed for Oakland's Equitable Climate Action Plan: Less than 2 Weeks Left to Take the Online Survey! – The City of Oakland is developing its next 10-year Equitable Climate Action Plan (ECAP), and we need to hear from YOU! The ECAP will identify how Oaklanders and the City can work together to stop climate change and adapt to a changing climate. In October 2018, City Council adopted a Climate Emergency and Just Transition Resolution, calling for an urgent climate mobilization effort to reverse global warming, reduce greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible, and be more resilient in the face of intensifying climate impacts. This includes creating good green jobs, reducing pollution, and helping Oaklanders to thrive.

The ECAP is the tool that will make this happen. Whether or not you made it to one of our ECAP Community Workshops, we urge you to complete the survey. Take part in shaping this important plan, to ensure that it reflects the needs and dreams of Oakland's diverse communities! The survey is live online in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Chinese](#). It is also linked directly from <https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/2030ecap>. **The survey closes on Sunday, September 29.**

For more information, contact Shayna Hirshfield-Gold, Acting Sustainability Program Manager, at (510) 238-6954.

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!

The Rockefeller Foundation Awards Grant to Fuel Plans for Equitable Investment in Opportunity Zones in Oakland – On Friday, September 6, The Rockefeller Foundation announced \$3.7 million in grants that will benefit Oakland and three other U.S. cities to help drive responsible private investment in Opportunity Zones. The Foundation's Opportunity Zone Community Capacity Building Initiative launched in May 2019 and will help cities build a pipeline of projects and small business investments that move beyond the early stages of planning and attract private investment in economically-distressed areas. Ultimately, this will benefit vulnerable communities through Opportunity Zones created in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Oakland and each of the three other cities will receive \$920,000 in grants and supportive services, including a \$400,000 grant to establish and fund a Chief Opportunity Zone Officer embedded in each city's economic development department. The funding will also support two AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) members in each city who will facilitate community

involvement in reviewing proposals for Opportunity Zone projects and businesses, and technical assistance to help develop project pipelines that connect the interests of investors with those of existing community members. [Read the media release.](#) [Learn more about Oakland's Opportunity Zones.](#)

Motown Comes to AAMLO with "Wizard of Fashion" – On Friday, September 20, 6pm–9pm, the African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO; 659 14th St.) celebrates the legacy of Henry Delton Williams, the fashion designer based in Oakland whose style has graced many Motown and other star entertainers, including Martha Reeves, Tina Turner, and Marvin Gaye. The AAMLO event, which commemorates the 60th Anniversary of Motown Records, presents *Wizard of Fashion*, a play and fashion show featuring Mr. Williams' designs. Angela Wheeler, the Queen of Elegance, will also make an appearance, along with a cast of regal women. For information, contact Sean Dickerson, Library Assistant, at sdickerson@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0200.

Housing History and the Future of Oakland's Black Residents: A Community Town Hall at West Oakland Library – On Saturday, September 21, 12-2:30pm, the West Oakland Branch Library (1801 Adeline St.) is hosting a panel discussion about housing issues that are of primary concern for many Oakland residents. From homeless, displacement, and foreclosures – when crises hit, they often hit African Americans hardest. Everyone is welcome to come join the conversation about affordability, community land ownership, legal support, the Permanent Affordability Fund, and more. Panelists include: Marika Regan, ACCE Action; Zachary Murray, OakCLT; Darleen Flynn, City of Oakland Dept. of Race & Equity; Chanee Franklin Minor, City of Oakland Rent Adjustment Program; Xavier Johnson, Centro Legal; Vanessa Bulnes (facilitator), ACCE Action and the Black Housing Union. Register at tinyurl.com/OaklandBHU. For information, contact Susy Moorhead, Branch Manager, at smoorhead@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7352.

Author E.R. Ramzipoor Discusses Her Novel "The Ventriloquists" – On Tuesday, September 24, 6:30pm, author E.R. Ramzipoor is coming to the Main Library (125 14th Street) for a reading of her debut novel, *The Ventriloquists*. *Publishers Weekly* calls her book a "magnetic debut... Sprawling and ambitious, with crisp pacing and fully realized characters, this will fascinate anyone looking for an unusual, enthralling war story." *Kirkus Reviews* touts her novel as one "that will have special resonance for today's resisters." Set in Belgium during World War II, the story hangs on some "fake news" that rattles the Nazis and lurches some unlikely heroes through highly suspenseful twists and turns. Books will be available for sale and signing courtesy of Mrs. Dalloway's Bookstore. This event will meet in the Main Library's Bradley C. Walters Community Room (on the ground floor). For information, contact Christy Thomas, Librarian II, a cthomas@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3138.

Main Library Offers Job Fair for Adults – On Wednesday, September 25, 2-4pm, all are welcome to the Main Library's free 2019 Fall Job Fair for Adults. As always, this lively, well-attended event will take place in the Library's, Bradley C. Walters Community Room (125 14th Street). We are expecting at least 25 companies who you can meet with to ask questions about open positions and apply on the spot. Bring your resume or application information, and dress professionally! Don't miss this opportunity to see many employers in a short time all under one roof. If you have questions, contact Christine Ianieri, Librarian I, at cianieri@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3176.

Check Out the Kids' "Crafter-noons" at Eastmont Library – On Wednesday, September 25, 3-4pm, the Eastmont Branch Library (7200 Bancroft Ave., Ste. 211 Eastmont Town Center) is having its weekly "crafter-noon" for kids. Drop by for art projects and crafting. Supplies will be provided by the library, or you can bring your own. Things tend to get messy! If you think it's fun you can join us every week – same time, same place! For information, contact Nichole Brown, Librarian II, a nbrown@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 615-5726.

Family Entertainment by Cascada de Flores Coming to Oakland Public Library – On Saturday, September 28, 10:30am, the exciting bilingual performance troupe Cascada de Flores will appear at the Golden Gate Branch Library (5606 San Pablo Avenue). It will be the first of two upcoming performances. If you love music, stories, and dance, join us for a delightful family performance that includes traditional songs and music from Mexico and Central America and unforgettable storytelling. For information, contact Erin Sanders, Branch Manager, at esanders@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 597-5023. Cascada de Flores will also perform at the Lakeview Branch Library (550 El Embarcadero) on Saturday, September 28, 2pm.

"Octavia of Earth": AAMLO Screening Film about Author Octavia Butler – On Saturday, September 28, 2-5pm, the African American Museum & Library at Oakland (AAMLO; 659 14th Street) will explore the life of California's legendary science fiction writer, Octavia E. Butler, with a screening of *Octavia of Earth*, a "docu-musical." Anand Kalra served as the artistic director for the film produced by Oakland-based Uncaged Librarian Productions. Actors appearing in the production will conduct a Q&A session about the founding mother of Afrofuturism. For information, contact Bamidele Agbasegbe-Demerson, Chief Curator, at babasegbe-demerson@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 637-0200.

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:

- Monday, September 23 | Landmarks Board
- Monday, September 30 | Library Commission
- Wednesday, October 2 | Planning Commission Meeting #2 (Draft Plan & Draft EIR)
- 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 (DOSPP) and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) here: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/downtown-oakland-specific-plan>.

New Exhibit! – Through September 30, the Oakland History Room is hosting a new exhibit called OAKLAND FIRE@150. The exhibit commemorates the sesquicentennial of the Oakland Fire Department. The display features photographs, books, articles, ephemera, and artifacts that tell the story of the department's evolution from an all-volunteer crew on horse-drawn wagons to today's high-tech operation. For more information visit: <http://oaklandlibrary.org/exhibits/oakland-fire150>

Oakland Hunger Brown Bag Distribution – On Friday, September 20, 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,

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