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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
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FROM: Sabrina B. Landreth

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

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victims from the scene. The Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division will be developing an initial damage estimate to provide to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for consideration for California Disaster Assistance Act funding. Staff from the Economic & Workforce Development Department has already begun distributing the [Estimated Disaster Economic Injury Worksheet for Businesses](#). Artists who may have operated a business in the 1315 31st Avenue warehouse may be eligible for SBA loans, and are encouraged to contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at agallo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7405. As of the time of this report, the ATF is continuing their investigation into the source of the fire. For more information, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061753>.

Rebuild Mosswood: Envision The Future – On Saturday, December 10, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., the Oakland Parks & Recreation and Public Works departments are hosting a community meeting dubbed Rebuild Mosswood: Envisioning the Future. The event will be held at Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster Street. This event is an invitation to the community to share their vision for the “new” Mosswood Community Center. At 1:00 p.m., a short program, hosted by OPR Director Nicholas Williams, will feature special guests Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and Marshawn Lynch. Following the program, City design staff will facilitate the community engagement process to create a vision for a “new” Mosswood Community Center. There will also be activities for children and a special visioning station for youth. All ages are invited to attend. The Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation established a “Rebuild Mosswood” account to receive tax deductible donations. Donations will be used to support rebuilding efforts for Mosswood, including covering costs that exceed available insurance as well as amenities that the community may desire adding to the park. To make a donation, please visit www.oaklandparks.org or call the foundation at (510) 465-1850. For more information about the event, please email parksandrec@oaklandnet.com or call (510) 238-PARK (7275).

Sixth Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Competition Getting Started – Sunday, February 5, 2017, is the deadline to enter the 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Competition. The Oakland Public Library, in partnership with Youth Speaks, has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 6th Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate program. Oakland youth between the ages of 13-18 are encouraged to apply. The winning young poet will represent and serve the city for one year as the Youth Poet Laureate. More than a contest, though, this program connects young Oakland poets to each other and to adult mentors. The chosen Oakland Youth Poet Laureate will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and serve as City ambassador for literacy, arts and youth expression. Finalists and Honorable mentions have opportunities to perform and network with peers and leaders across the Bay Area. Finalists will be announced in April. The 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate will be named on Sunday, May 21, during the Oakland Book Festival, downtown Oakland. Interested youth, parents and teachers can learn more and apply online at www.youthspeaks.org. For more information, please email oaklandpoets@youthspeaks.org, or contact Lana Adlawan, Teen Services Coordinator, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

OPR Winter Break Camps – During the weeks of December 19 and December 26, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) will host day camps for youth. Participating recreation sites include Allendale, Arroyo Viejo, Bushrod, Carmen Flores, deFremerly, Dimond, Franklin, Redwood Heights and Studio One Art Center. For camp details, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/oakparkrec/>, www.oaklandnet.com/parks or call your local recreation center. For more information, please contact Tiffany Jimenez, Office Assistant II, at tjimenez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7275.

2017 Alameda County Homeless Census And Survey – On Tuesday, January 31, 2017, a homeless count for unsheltered people will be conducted. Known locally as EveryOne Counts!, the point-in-time count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness records the number of people staying in shelters and transitional housing on a given night in late January each year and estimates the number of people who are unsheltered, living outdoors on that same night every two years. Conducting a Count is a requirement of receiving federal homeless assistance funds for the City of Oakland. There will be training for all volunteers. If you are interested in participating in the count or to learn more about the volunteer commitment, please visit <http://bit.ly/2gXCbsV>. For more information, please contact Stevan Alvarado, Program Analyst, at (510) 238-7753.

Clay Street Garage Closes – On Friday, December 2, the public parking garage located in downtown Oakland at 1414 Clay Street between 14th and 16th streets closed indefinitely. That Friday was the last day of visitor parking at the Clay Street Garage. The decision to shutter the 55-year-old facility was made after a recent condition assessment, which raised safety concerns. The potential dangers in a major seismic event were deemed too great to risk keeping the facility open. Motorists visiting City offices will have a variety of parking options to consider. For a map of other parking facilities in the area, visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Parking/index.htm#Garages>. The Dalziel Garage, located in the basement of 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and accessible from 16th Street between Clay Street and San Pablo Avenue, will serve the daytime, evening, late night, weekend and special event parking needs of visitors to Oakland's civic center. As had been the case at the closed garage, the Dalziel Garage will offer free parking on Saturdays year-round. Resources currently used to staff the Clay Street Garage, including on-site security from sunset to close, will be redeployed to the Dalziel Garage. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak061707>. For general inquiries about parking availability and

pricing, please contact City of Oakland Parking Partners at (510) 874-7170 or visit their office located at 1250 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Free 2016 Holiday Parking – Saturdays through December 31, the City of Oakland is offering free parking to encourage shoppers to get out and explore the plethora of local shopping options – including hundreds of locally owned, indie shops throughout Oakland’s 40 neighborhood shopping districts. On Saturday, December 10; Saturday, December 17; Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31, the City of Oakland is offering free parking at meters on streets and at four City-owned parking lots for the time period posted on the meter or kiosk (30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours, 4 hours or 5 hours). The program will also provide free parking at four City-owned garages. The free parking “holidays” apply to both standard meters and the multi-space parking kiosks located in many commercial districts. To keep the flow of shoppers moving – standard parking rules and time limits will be enforced. If shoppers need more time than a particular meter allows, they will need to move their cars to another available parking space at least one block away from the original space. Promotional messages about the free Saturday parking were programmed into the Smart parking meters and the multi-space kiosks during the week of November 21. Motorists should note and follow the maximum time limits posted. Shoppers should also note that, unlike some neighboring cities, parking at street meters in Oakland is free on Sundays. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OK061588>. For more information on holiday shopping in Oakland, please visit www.oaklandgrown.org. For a roster of festive holiday celebrations held by Oakland merchant organizations and community groups, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/celebrations. For a roster of the four participating City-owned lots and four participating City-owned garages, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parking.

Minimum Wage Increase – Effective Sunday, January 1, 2017, Oakland’s Minimum Wage goes up to \$12.86 per hour. Measure FF, the voter-initiative ballot measure passed in November 2014, provides annual increases to Oakland’s Minimum Wage based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). In light of the increase, employers must be aware of the following:

- By Thursday, December 15, 2016, employers are required to provide notice to employees and prominently display posters on the new Minimum Wage;
- On Sunday, January 1, 2017, the Minimum Wage rate goes up 31¢ to \$12.86; and
- The other benefits mandated by Measure FF – paid sick leave and payment of service charges – remain the same as when the employment law took effect on March 2, 2015

Notification posters in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese are available for download at www.oaklandnet.com/minimumwage. A roster of upcoming business briefings offered by our partners, answers to frequently asked questions and details on outreach efforts are also on the web page. The next business briefings by our partners are:

- Wednesday, December 14, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Cantonese and Mandarin)
2017 Updates: Minimum Wage, Paid Sick Leave & Service Charges
Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 1, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Presented by Wendel Rosen Black & Dean LLP
- Monday, December 19, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Spanish)
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Monthly Walk-In Workers’ Rights Legal Clinics are held by the City’s partner, Centro Legal de la Raza, 3400 E. 12th Street, on the third Wednesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. During these clinics, individual consultations with Centro Legal attorneys are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The next clinic will be held on Wednesday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Other workers’ rights clinics are by appointment only. Call Centro Legal de La Raza at (510) 437-1554. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/minimumwage or contact the Contracts & Compliance Office at minwageinfo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6258.

Main Library Offers Introduction To Python Programming For Teens – On Tuesday, December 20, the Main Library’s TeenZone, 125 14th Street, is offering a workshop for students with no previous experience in programming. Learn the basic concepts of Python language, string manipulation, arithmetic/logic operations, loops, lists and more. For more information on the curriculum, please visit www.mathandcoding.org. Space is limited to nine students, so register now by

calling (510) 238-7332. This class will be conducted in two sections, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Teen Services Coordinator, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class – From Monday, December 19 to Thursday, December 22, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) is hosting an American Red Cross Lifeguard certification class open for those 15 and older. The class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day and costs \$190 for Oakland residents or \$225 for non-residents. The registration fee can be reimbursed if you are hired by OPR Aquatics and upon completion of 200 worked hours. The training class will take place at Temescal Pool, 371 45th Street. For more information and to register, please contact William Davis, Jr., Aquatics Specialist, at wdavisjr@oaklandnet.com.

Dimond Branch To Close Temporarily For Renovation – On Friday, December 23, the Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue, will close temporarily for a renovation project. The branch is scheduled to reopen in May 2017. The renovation project consists of a “makeover” of the first floor to better serve patrons, with distinct program areas and comfortable seating. New furniture will be purchased, as will a new information desk and self-check machines. The project is funded entirely by donations and foundation grants. If patrons have items on hold with Dimond Branch designated as the pick-up location, the location will automatically change to the César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 East 12th St., Suite 271. The book drops at the Dimond Library will remain open during the closure and returned items will be checked in on a regular basis. For more information, please contact Mary Schrader, Supervising Librarian, at mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org or at (510) 238-6720.

Author And Feminist Judy Juanita To Talk At Main Library – On Saturday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m., local author, novelist and playwright Judy Juanita will give a presentation at the Main Library, 125 14th Street, in the Bradley C. Walters Community Room. Ms. Juanita will discuss her latest work, *De Facto Feminism: Essays Straight Outta Oakland*, featuring essays about her evolution as a feminist through various iconic experiences in the 1960s, including joining the Black Panther Party and editing the Black Panther Newspaper. For more information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Marian Van Der Zwaan's Red String – Through Saturday, December 31, *Red String*, a site-specific installation by Marian van der Zwaan, will be on display at Pro Arts, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, and in the adjacent Kahn's Alley. The installation was developed with support of Amnesty International in Portugal, and arrives at Pro Arts from Europe, as part of an international tour including site-specific installations in The Netherlands, Lithuania, Portugal and South Africa. Five kilometers, about three miles, of continuous red string has been threaded and woven through the interior and exterior of Pro Arts as well as Kahn's Alley and the Rotunda Building. The installation is a symbolic gesture meant to prompt critical dialogue on issues surrounding race and ethnic discrimination. An opening reception and artist talk will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Friday, December 2, at Pro Arts. For more information, please visit <https://proartsgallery.org/current/>.

Folk Singer José-Luis Orozco Appearing At Melrose Library – On Wednesday, December 14, at 10:45 a.m., José-Luis Orozco will give a special performance for children at the Melrose Branch Library, 4805 Foothill Boulevard. Mr. Orozco is a bilingual educator, children's author and recording artist who dedicates his life to creating quality bilingual music, books and videos for children. He encourages learning of the Spanish language and promotes Latin American culture through his art. For more information, please contact Kate Hug, Children's Librarian, at khug@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5623.

Holiday Caroling On Lake Merritt – Through Friday, December 23, the Lake Merritt Boating Center is offering on-the-water tours launching from 568 Bellevue Avenue. 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 \$6 per person or \$100 to reserve the whole boat for a private tour. To view the flyer, please visit www.sailoakland.com. For more information, please contact Sarah Herbelin, Boating & Outdoor Recreation Supervisor, at sherbelin@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2196.

DeFremery Crab Feed – On Saturday, December 10, deFremery Recreation Center, 1651 Adeline Street, is hosting its annual all-you-can-eat crab feed fundraiser. A 50/50 raffle, prizes and an auction will round out the social event. Proceeds help support Bay Area youth programs and scholarships. The doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the entrance fee is \$55. Tickets may be purchased at the recreation center or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/defremerys-annual-crab-feed-tickets-28242710708>. For more information, please contact Valorie Winn, Recreation Center Director, at vwinn@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7739.

Dunsmuir Holiday Tradition – On Saturdays and Sundays through December 18, Oakland Parks & Recreation invites you to step back in time and experience a turn-of-the-century Holiday Tradition at the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. The event runs from noon to 4:00 p.m. The magnificent 16,000-square-foot, 37-room mansion will be

transformed into a breathtaking masterpiece of an Edwardian holiday. Each room is adorned with elegant holiday trees, garland, antique furnishings and festive decorations to provide you with ideas for your own home decorations. Visitors can enjoy a snack at the Winter Café, while tackling their holiday shopping list with purchases from the Mansion Gift Shop. Families can begin the morning with Brunch with Santa, and afterwards enjoy games, face-painting and other activities. The Holiday High Tea for adults and children is a special treat and wonderful way for families and friends to begin their own tradition and celebrate the holiday season. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak061449>. For event attractions and to purchase tickets, please visit www.dunsmuir-hellman.com. For more information, please contact Deborah Cooper, Estate Manager, at dcooper@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5555.

City Receives FEMA Grant Funding To Launch Seismic Retrofit Programs – Through Monday, December 19, the City of Oakland is encouraging interested owners of eligible properties to complete and submit a pre-application questionnaire for two seismic retrofit programs: (1) the Earthquake-Safe Homes Program for owner-occupied, single-family homes and (2) the Safer Housing for Oakland Program for soft-story apartment buildings. On Monday, October 10, the City of Oakland received notice that it has secured more than \$360,000 in Phase I grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop these two retrofit programs. If the retrofit programs are approved by FEMA after Phase I, the City will be eligible for \$5.4 million in Phase II grant funding for engineering and construction activities. The survey for owners of owner-occupied, single-family homes (the property must be a single family home or 2-4 units and must be the primary residence of the homeowner) is available for download in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese at <http://bit.ly/2fen52N>. The survey for owners of soft-story apartment buildings (the apartment building must be five or more units, have two or more stories, have been built before 1991 and have a “soft story” – typically a ground floor with a parking use or large storefront windows underneath a habitable second story) is available for download in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese at <http://bit.ly/2esnoEH>. Interested owners will be contacted in January 2017 with program guidelines and invited to submit a full application for seismic retrofit grant funding. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/homeretrofit or contact Residential Lending and Rehabilitation Services at residentiallending@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3909.

RFP, RFQ Opportunities – In December, a variety of formal Request for Proposals (RFPs) and Request for Quotations (RFQs) from the City of Oakland will close.

Due Date/Time	Title/Description	Contact
Wednesday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.	6307 - RFP for Walk This Way: Broadway/Webster Transformation Project. The City of Oakland invites talented, experienced, multidisciplinary Design Teams to submit qualifications and a conceptual design and community engagement approach to transform the areas around, under and through Broadway and Webster Street underpasses of the I-880 Freeway into a walkable, inviting passageway between Downtown Oakland and the waterfront that blends high-quality urban design, traffic calming improvements, crime prevention through environmental design, lighting, public art, vegetation and other landscaping elements.	Christina Ferracane, Planning & Building Department cferracane@oaklandnet.com

For more information on contracting opportunities, please visit <http://bit.ly/1iAJvbd> or contact Dasco Munoz, Contracts and Compliance, at dmunoz@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3970.

Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of December 12, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following position:

➤ Support Services 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.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

For information on upcoming City meetings and events, please visit the City's online calendar at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Events/index.htm>. For events at the Oakland Public Library, please visit <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>. For a roster of holiday events throughout the community, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/celebrations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Upcoming Holiday Closures – On Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, the City of Oakland's administrative offices will be closed in observance of the Christmas Day holiday and the New Year's Day holiday. While the City's administrative employees are out of the office, if a situation arises that requires more staffing, the City has a plan in place to call in additional resources. Police, fire and emergency services are not affected during the holiday. To read the media release for specific service impacts, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061925>.

Annual Holiday Food Drive – Through Friday, December 23, the City of Oakland is holding its Annual Holiday Food Drive. The Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP), in partnership with Alameda County Community Food Bank, is coordinating the food drive. The Alameda County Community Food Bank serves one in five residents of Alameda County. The cost of living in the Bay Area has made it nearly impossible for many households to make ends meet. Children and seniors remain the most vulnerable to hunger in our community. Food collection barrels are in the lobbies at the following locations:

- City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
- Wilson Building, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza – 1st Floor Lobby & 4th Floor Lobby
- Dalziel Building, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
- Oakland Police Administration Building, 455 7th Street
- Oakland Police Substation, 2651 73rd Avenue at the Eastmont Town Center
- 7101 Edgewater Drive – OPD Dispatch, Building 2 and Building 4
- 5050 Coliseum Way

The food collection barrels will be picked up the week of December 19 in time to distribute the food to families for the holidays – because together we can make a difference. For more information, please contact Cecilia Garcia, Administrative Assistant, at cgarcia@oaklandnet.com.

Library's Winter Bingo Gives Children, Families Chance To Read And Play During School Break – On Saturday, December 17, the Oakland Public Library will begin its third annual Winter Bingo game. Winter Bingo encourages children in grades Kindergarten to 5th, and caregivers of younger children and babies, to do activities that stimulate literacy and learning. Any child or caregiver may come by any Oakland Library location between Saturday, December 17 and Saturday, January 14 for a free bingo card. Each space on the Bingo card has an activity the child can try to complete and then cross off. Participants who return to the library with a bingo card with five activities in a row crossed off before January 14 can select a free paperback book to keep, as a prize. Activities include direct reading activities such as “Listen to a story” or “Read about your favorite thing” as well as social activities such as “Make someone laugh” or “Bring a friend to the library,” and active play such as “Dance” or “Play outside.” Activities for caregivers to do with babies and preschoolers include “Make up a song” and “Ask your child to turn the page.” Bingo cards will be available at all library locations and distributed to partner organizations, and are available in Spanish, Chinese and English. For more information, please contact Nina Lindsay, Supervising Librarian for Children’s Services, at nlindsay@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6706.

Library Announces Free Unlimited Access To The New York Times Online For Patrons – On Monday, December 12, the Oakland Public Library (OPL) announced that it is now offering free access to *The New York Times* Digital Edition to its patrons. OPL has taken an institutional subscription that allows patrons within the library (on library computers or the library’s WiFi network) unlimited access to all *The New York Times*’ content found on NYTimes.com. In addition, OPL has a limited number of 72-hour passes that can be used outside of the library. Without a subscription, NYTimes.com readers quickly hit a monthly limit and a paywall. With this new offering from OPL, readers can read all the news they want without paying a dime. However, the library’s subscription does not include the Times’ crossword puzzle. Information and instructions can be found at www.oaklandlibrary.org/NYTimes. You can see a full list of the library’s digital resources at www.oaklandlibrary.org/eResources. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061867>. For more information, please contact Mana Tominaga, Supervising Librarian, at mtominaga@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-6611.

Rebuild Mosswood: Envision The Future – On Saturday, December 10, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) and Public Works departments hosted Rebuild Mosswood: Envisioning the Future at Mosswood Park, 3612 Webster Street. Despite soggy conditions, there was a strong community turnout demonstrating the importance of the center and the commitment to rebuilding the facility. More than 125 participants heard updates from City officials and then took part in an engagement process to share their vision for the “new” Mosswood Community Center. If you could not attend the meeting, please be sure to join the conversation on [Mosswood Recreation Center's Facebook page](#). The Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation established a “Rebuild Mosswood” account to receive tax-deductible donations. Donations are intended to be used to support rebuilding efforts for Mosswood, including covering costs that exceed available insurance as well as amenities that the community may desire adding to the park. To make a donation, please visit www.oaklandparks.org or call (510) 465-1850. For more information about the event, please email parksandrec@oaklandnet.com or call (510) 238-PARK (7275).

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with volunteers and staff from the American Red Cross in providing support to families and friends of the fire victims. On Monday, December 5, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley shared the details of the launch of her office's criminal investigation into the fire. The District Attorney's Office activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners. On Thursday, December 8, the proclamation of a Local Emergency by the Oakland City Administrator was ratified by the Oakland City Council during a special meeting. The local emergency, which was, proclaimed on Tuesday, December 6, is an important step in recovery for the City of Oakland and our community. Under the [California Disaster Assistance Act](#), the City of Oakland may be eligible for reimbursement of up to 75 percent of qualifying response and recovery expenses related to the 31st Avenue Fire. Generally, these include labor, equipment, materials and other expenses related to extinguishing the fire and recovering the victims from the scene. The Oakland Fire Department's Emergency Management Services Division will be developing an initial damage estimate to provide to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for consideration for California Disaster Assistance Act funding. Staff from the Economic & Workforce Development Department has distributed the [Estimated Disaster Economic Injury Worksheet for Businesses](#). Artists who may have operated a business in the 1315 31st Avenue warehouse may be eligible for SBA loans, and are encouraged to contact Aliza Gallo, Economic Development Manager, at agallo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7405. At a press conference on Tuesday, December 13, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or ATF, and the Oakland Fire Department shared that they have concluded the on-scene investigation for the 31st Avenue Fire. Throughout the District Attorney's Office's criminal investigation and the Oakland Fire Department's scene investigation, ATF has assisted by providing their fire expertise and assisting with witness interviews. All of the scene information has been gathered and analysis of the information will continue. The Oakland Fire Department will prepare the final report of the scene investigation. ATF and Oakland Fire Department's findings will be submitted to the District Attorney's Office in support of their ongoing criminal investigation. Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley explained that her office's criminal investigation is ongoing. The District Attorney's office continues to ask any witnesses with information about the fire or the warehouse to come forward to assist with the investigation. She also shared information with the public about how those impacted by the fire could access victim witness support available through the DA's Office. The District Attorney thanked the Red Cross for its ongoing support of victims, their families and those displaced by the fire. Members of the Red Cross team provided information on where those impacted by the fire could continue to access support being provided by the agency. As of the time of this report, the cause of the fire has not been identified. For more information, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061753>.

Sixth Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Competition Getting Started – Sunday, February 5, is the deadline to enter the 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Competition. The Oakland Public Library, in partnership with Youth Speaks, has announced that applications are now being accepted for the 6th Annual Oakland Youth Poet Laureate program. Oakland youth between the ages of 13-18 are encouraged to apply. The winning young poet will represent and serve the city for one year as the Youth Poet Laureate. More than a contest, though, this program connects young Oakland poets to each other and to adult mentors. The chosen Oakland Youth Poet Laureate will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship and serve as City ambassador for literacy, arts and youth expression. Finalists and Honorable Mentions have opportunities to perform and network with peers and leaders across the Bay Area. Finalists will be announced in April. The 2017 Oakland Youth Poet Laureate will be named on Sunday, May 21, during the Oakland Book Festival in downtown Oakland. Interested youth, parents and teachers can learn more and apply online at www.youthspeaks.org. For more information, please email oaklandpoets@youthspeaks.org, or contact Lana Adlawan, Teen Services Coordinator, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

OPR Winter Break Camps – During the weeks of December 19 and December 26, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) will host day camps for youth. Participating recreation sites include Allendale, Arroyo Viejo, Bushrod, Carmen Flores, deFremery, Dimond, Franklin, Redwood Heights and Studio One Art Center. For camp details, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/oakparkrec/>, www.oaklandnet.com/parks or call your local recreation center. For more information, please contact Tiffany Jimenez, Office Assistant II, at tjimenez@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-7275.

2017 Alameda County Homeless Census And Survey – On Tuesday, January 31, a homeless count for unsheltered people will be conducted. Known locally as EveryOne Counts!, the point-in-time count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness records the number of people staying in shelters and transitional housing on a given night in late January each year and estimates the number of people who are unsheltered, living outdoors on that same night every two years. Conducting a Count is a requirement of receiving federal homeless assistance funds for the City of Oakland. There will be training for all volunteers. If you are interested in participating in the count or to learn more about the volunteer commitment, please visit <http://bit.ly/2gXCbsV>. For more information, please contact Stevan Alvarado, Program Analyst, at (510) 238-7753.

Clay Street Garage Closes – On Friday, December 2, the public parking garage located in downtown Oakland at 1414 Clay Street between 14th and 16th streets closed indefinitely. That Friday was the last day of visitor parking at the Clay

Street Garage. The decision to shutter the 55-year-old facility was made after a recent condition assessment, which raised safety concerns. The potential dangers in a major seismic event were deemed too great to risk keeping the facility open. Motorists visiting City offices will have a variety of parking options to consider. For a map of other parking facilities in the area, visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Parking/index.htm#Garages>. The Dalziel Garage, located in the basement of 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and accessible from 16th Street between Clay Street and San Pablo Avenue, will serve the daytime, evening, late night, weekend and special event parking needs of visitors to Oakland's civic center. As had been the case at the closed garage, the Dalziel Garage will offer free parking on Saturdays year-round. Resources currently used to staff the Clay Street Garage, including on-site security from sunset to close, will be redeployed to the Dalziel Garage. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak061707>. For general inquiries about parking availability and pricing, please contact City of Oakland Parking Partners at (510) 874-7170 or visit their office located at 1250 Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

Free 2016 Holiday Parking – Saturdays through December 31, the City of Oakland is offering free parking to encourage shoppers to get out and explore the plethora of local shopping options – including hundreds of locally owned, indie shops throughout Oakland's 40 neighborhood shopping districts. On Saturday, December 17; Saturday, December 24 and Saturday, December 31, the City of Oakland is offering free parking at meters on streets and at four City-owned parking lots for the time period posted on the meter or kiosk (30 minutes, 1 hour, 2 hours, 4 hours or 5 hours). The program will also provide free parking at four City-owned garages. The free parking "holidays" apply to both standard meters and the multi-space parking kiosks located in many commercial districts. To keep the flow of shoppers moving – standard parking rules and time limits will be enforced. If shoppers need more time than a particular meter allows, they will need to move their cars to another available parking space at least one block away from the original space. Promotional messages about the free Saturday parking were programmed into the Smart parking meters and the multi-space kiosks during the week of November 21. Motorists should note and follow the maximum time limits posted. Shoppers should also note that, unlike some neighboring cities, parking at street meters in Oakland is free on Sundays. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAK061588>. For more information on holiday shopping in Oakland, please visit www.oaklandgrown.org. For a roster of festive holiday celebrations held by Oakland merchant organizations and community groups, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/celebrations. For a roster of the four participating City-owned lots and four participating City-owned garages, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/parking.

Minimum Wage Increase – Effective Sunday, January 1, Oakland's Minimum Wage goes up to \$12.86 per hour. Measure FF, the voter-initiative ballot measure passed in November 2014, provides annual increases to Oakland's Minimum Wage based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). In light of the increase, employers must be aware of the following:

- By Thursday, December 15, employers were required to provide notice to employees and prominently display posters on the new Minimum Wage;
- On Sunday, January 1, 2017, the Minimum Wage rate goes up 31¢ to \$12.86; and
- The other benefits mandated by Measure FF – paid sick leave and payment of service charges – remain the same as when the employment law took effect on March 2, 2015

Notification posters in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese are available for download at www.oaklandnet.com/minimumwage. A roster of upcoming business briefings offered by our partners, answers to frequently asked questions and details on outreach efforts are also on the web page. The next business briefing by our partners are:

- Monday, December 19, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Spanish)
2017 Updates: Minimum Wage, Paid Sick Leave & Service Charges
Oakland City Hall, Hearing Room 1, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Presented by Wendel Rosen Black & Dean LLP

Monthly Walk-In Workers' Rights Legal Clinics are held by the City's partner, Centro Legal de la Raza, 3400 E. 12th Street, on the third Wednesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. During these clinics, individual consultations with Centro Legal attorneys are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The next clinic will be held on Wednesday, December 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Other workers' rights clinics are by appointment only. Call Centro Legal de La Raza at (510) 437-1554. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/minimumwage or contact the Contracts & Compliance Office at minwageinfo@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-6258.

Main Library Offers Introduction To Python Programming For Teens – On Tuesday, December 20, the Main Library's TeenZone, 125 14th Street, is offering a workshop for students with no previous experience in programming. Learn the basic concepts of Python language, string manipulation, arithmetic/logic operations, loops, lists and more. For more information on the curriculum, please visit www.mathandcoding.org. Space is limited to nine students, so register now by calling (510) 238-7332. This class will be conducted in two sections, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Lana Adlawan, Teen Services Coordinator, at ladlawan@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-7613.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Class – From Monday, December 19 to Thursday, December 22, Oakland Parks & Recreation (OPR) is hosting an American Red Cross Lifeguard certification class open for those 15 and older. The class runs from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day and costs \$190 for Oakland residents or \$225 for non-residents. The registration fee can be reimbursed if you are hired by OPR Aquatics and upon completion of 200 worked hours. The training class will take place at Temescal Pool, 371 45th Street. For more information and to register, please contact William Davis, Jr., Aquatics Specialist, at wdavisjr@oaklandnet.com.

Dimond Branch To Close Temporarily For Renovation – On Friday, December 23, the Dimond Branch Library, 3565 Fruitvale Avenue, will close temporarily for a renovation project. The branch is scheduled to reopen in May 2017. The renovation project consists of a "makeover" of the first floor to better serve patrons, with distinct program areas and comfortable seating. New furniture will be purchased, as will a new information desk and self-check machines. The project is funded entirely by donations and foundation grants. If patrons have items on hold with Dimond Branch designated as the pick-up location, the location will automatically change to the César E. Chávez Branch Library, 3301 East 12th Street, Suite 271. The book drops at the Dimond Library will remain open during the closure and returned items will be checked in on a regular basis. For more information, please contact Mary Schrader, Supervising Librarian, at mschrader@oaklandlibrary.org or at (510) 238-6720.

Marian Van Der Zwaan's Red String – Through Saturday, December 31, *Red String*, a site-specific installation by Marian van der Zwaan, will be on display at Pro Arts, 150 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, and in the adjacent Kahn's Alley. The installation was developed with support of Amnesty International in Portugal, and arrives at Pro Arts from Europe, as part of an international tour including site-specific installations in The Netherlands, Lithuania, Portugal and South Africa. Five kilometers, about three miles, of continuous red string has been threaded and woven through the interior and exterior of Pro Arts as well as Kahn's Alley and the Rotunda Building. The installation is a symbolic gesture meant to prompt critical dialogue on issues surrounding race and ethnic discrimination. For more information, please visit <https://proartsgallery.org/current/>.

Holiday Caroling On Lake Merritt – Through Friday, December 23, the Lake Merritt Boating Center is offering on-the-water tours launching from 568 Bellevue Avenue. 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 \$6 per person or \$100 to reserve the whole boat for a private tour. To view the flyer, please visit www.sailoakland.com. For more information, please contact Sarah Herbelin, Boating & Outdoor Recreation Supervisor, at sherbelin@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-2196.

Dunsmuir Holiday Tradition – On Saturdays and Sundays through December 18, Oakland Parks & Recreation invites you to step back in time and experience a turn-of-the-century Holiday Tradition at the Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court. The event runs from noon to 4:00 p.m. The magnificent 16,000-square-foot, 37-room mansion will be transformed into a breathtaking masterpiece of an Edwardian holiday. Each room is adorned with elegant holiday trees, garland, antique furnishings and festive decorations to provide you with ideas for your own home decorations. Visitors can enjoy a snack at the Winter Café, while tackling their holiday shopping list with purchases from the Mansion Gift Shop. Families can begin the morning with Brunch with Santa, and afterwards enjoy games, face-painting and other activities. The Holiday High Tea for adults and children is a special treat and wonderful way for families and friends to begin their own tradition and celebrate the holiday season. To read the media release, please visit <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/oak061449>. For event attractions and to purchase tickets, please visit www.dunsmuir-hellman.com. For more information, please contact Deborah Cooper, Estate Manager, at dcooper@oaklandnet.com or (510) 615-5555.

City Receives FEMA Grant Funding To Launch Seismic Retrofit Programs – Through Monday, December 19, the City of Oakland is encouraging interested owners of eligible properties to complete and submit a pre-application questionnaire for two seismic retrofit programs: (1) the Earthquake-Safe Homes Program for owner-occupied, single-family homes and (2) the Safer Housing for Oakland Program for soft-story apartment buildings. On Monday, October 10, the City of Oakland received notice that it has secured more than \$360,000 in Phase I grant funding from the Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to develop these two retrofit programs. If the retrofit programs are approved by FEMA after Phase I, the City will be eligible for \$5.4 million in Phase II grant funding for engineering and construction activities. The survey for owners of owner-occupied, single-family homes (the property must be a single family home or 2-4 units and must be the primary residence of the homeowner) is available for download in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese at <http://bit.ly/2fen52N>. The survey for owners of soft-story apartment buildings (the apartment building must be five or more units, have two or more stories, have been built before 1991 and have a “soft story” – typically a ground floor with a parking use or large storefront windows underneath a habitable second story) is available for download in English, Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese at <http://bit.ly/2esnoEH>. Interested owners will be contacted in January 2017 with program guidelines and invited to submit a full application for seismic retrofit grant funding. For more information, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/homeretrofit or contact Residential Lending and Rehabilitation Services at residentiallending@oaklandnet.com or (510) 238-3909.

Upcoming City Of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of December 19, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following position:

- Transportation Engineer
- Support Services Manager
- Neighborhood Services Coordinator (Selective Language Certification - Cantonese/Mandarin Language)

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.

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

For information on upcoming City meetings and events, please visit the City’s online calendar at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Events/index.htm>. For events at the Oakland Public Library, please visit <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events>. For a roster of holiday events throughout the community, please visit www.oaklandnet.com/celebrations.

Respectfully submitted,

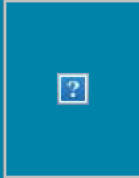
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SABRINA B. LANDRETH
City Administrator

From: [Oakland Police Department CA](#)
To: [Kalb, Dan](#)
Subject: Community Message: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 8:00 a.m.
Date: Sunday, December 04, 2016 10:47:28 AM

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Sunday December 4, 2016, 10:46 AM



Oakland Police Department CA



Community: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 8:00 a.m.

Dear Dan Kalb,

[NOTE: The next media briefing will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 4, at International Boulevard and 31st Avenue]

Personnel from the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Police Department, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Oakland Public Works Department continued the painstaking work of recovering the bodies from the scene of the fire.

As of 8:00 a.m., 24 victims have been located and the Alameda County Coroner's Office is in the process of identifying the victims.

Oakland Fire Department is currently working with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, Oakland Police Department, Alcohol Tobacco and Fire, CAL OSHA, Alameda County Search and Rescue and the American Red Cross to continue the recovery effort and conduct the investigation into the cause of this deadly fire.

Personnel have created pathways through the debris, dividing the building into quadrants and removing debris by hand, bucket-by-bucket. This methodical and painstaking approach is important to respectfully remove the victims and carefully process the scene. At this time, about 20 percent of the building has been searched.

The recovery effort, hindered by the roof collapse, required a breach of the cinder block wall with heavy rescue equipment at approximately 10:00 p.m. last night. The debris removal process continued throughout the evening.

Three of the victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. Out of respect for the families, these names will not be released until later today.

The devastation of the scene has impacted the recovery personnel. The City has counseling services on-site to assist first responders and support teams.

The Family Assistance Center, established by the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau in coordination with the American Red Cross, continues to operate at 2425 E. 12th Street. Family members and friends looking to locate loved ones may go to the center. Grief counseling and resources are available to families affected by this tragedy. We are requesting that only families and loved ones go to the Family Assistance Center and ask that the media respect the privacy of families at this time.

The public may access the latest updated information on the City's website at oaklandnet.com or at (510) 238-2181. Please do not contact the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau unless you believe a family member may be a victim of the fire.

In the coming days, after the recovery phase is completed, our focus will shift to a thorough investigation of what occurred. We are committed to bringing every resource to bear to determine what happened here and how such a tragic event could have occurred. Our priority is to bring closure to this tragedy for the victims' families.

Background

A three-alarm fire broke out on Friday, December 2, at 11:32 p.m. at 1315 31st Avenue in Oakland. The fire has resulted in a terrible tragedy.

The badly damaged building has required shoring, and first responders have begun retrieving the deceased. The roof of the building collapsed onto the second floor which has complicated the process of recovery effort. This process will be undertaken in a methodical and thorough process in a humane and compassionate manner to ensure that the victims are recovered and identified, and to make sure their families have this information as expeditiously as possible.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office will be managing the victim identification process and working with the Oakland Police Department to provide additional updates.

The last permitted use of the building was as a warehouse. On November 13, 2016, the City of Oakland received complaints of blight and unpermitted interior construction at the building. On November 17, 2016, a City building inspector visited the property and verified the blight complaint, but could not

gain access to the building to confirm the other complaint regarding unpermitted construction. This is an ongoing investigation.

Our city has experienced a tremendous tragedy. As a community, we can come together in recovery and spirit. The Oakland A's have set up a site for donations for Oakland Fire Victims at <https://www.youcaring.com/firevictimsofoaklandfiredec232016-706684>.

For full details, [view this message on the web](#).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 4, 2016

Corrected: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 5:30 p.m.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau has provided the City of Oakland the names of the eight (8) victims that have been positively identified as having perished in the 31st Avenue Fire. One of the eight victims is a 17-year-old minor whose name will not be released. The victims' families have been notified.

The seven identified victims are:
Cash Askew, 22, Oakland, Calif.
David Cline, 24, Oakland, Calif.
Nick Gomez-Hall, 25, Coronado, Calif.
Sara Hoda, 30, Walnut Creek, Calif.
Travis Hough, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Donna Kellogg, 32, Oakland, Calif.
Brandon Chase Wittenauer, 32, Hayward, Calif.

The City of Oakland extends condolences to the families who have received the dreadful news that one of their loved ones perished in the fire.

The focus of our efforts remains the recovery of victims. To ensure the safety of the first responders, more shoring has been placed to secure the collapsed sections of the building. This will allow first responders to safely proceed with the recovery process. Personnel from the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Police Department, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Oakland Public Works Department continued the painstaking work of recovering the bodies from the scene of the fire. At this time, about 30 percent of the building has been searched.

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From: [Karchmer, Joanne](#)
To: [DL - Council Members](#); [DL - Council Staff](#)
Subject: FW: OPD Update: 31st Avenue Fire
Date: Saturday, December 03, 2016 12:27:59 PM

Dear Council Members,

I know you received this message directly from OPD, but I wanted to let you know that I am also in the office and available to you. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me, and I will do my best to provide you with a timely response. I will also let you know as details come together about the timing and location of the media availability. I think we can all agree this is an enormous tragedy and also an extremely fluid situation with many external partners involved, but I will do everything I can to keep you informed.

Best,
Joanne

Joanne Karchmer

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For Immediate Release

December 3, 2016

Update: 31st Avenue Fire

The Oakland Police Department is supporting the Oakland Fire Department as they are conducting their investigation into the large structure fire at 1305 31st Avenue.

Per the Oakland Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed:

- There are nine (9) known fatalities from this incident.
- At this time, an assessment is still being made of any additional victims in association with this incident.
- The Alameda County Sheriff's Coroner's Bureau and Chief Forensic Pathologist are processing the scene.
- Alameda County Arson Task Force is currently on scene to assist with the investigation.
- We are also working with Federal partners to determine the cause of the fire and assist with the investigation moving forward.
- Due to structural damage from the fire, the ongoing investigation efforts and search for additional victims will be methodical and are anticipated to take some time.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau has established a Family Assistance Center in coordination with the American Red Cross, located at 2425 East 12th Street in Oakland. Family members and friends looking to locate loved ones may go to the center in person or call (510) 382-3000. There will be grief counseling and resources available to families affected by this tragedy. We are requesting that only families and loved ones go to the Family Assistance Center and ask that media respect the

privacy of families at this time.

The City of Oakland and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office have set up a joint command post at the corner of Fruitvale Ave. and International Blvd.

Public Information Officers will be providing hourly media updates throughout the day, on the hour. City officials will hold a news conference this afternoon at a location and time to be announced.

For updates on Twitter, stay tuned to @ACSOSheriffs and @oaklandpoliceca and the following hashtags:

#oaklandfire

#31stAvefire

Mayor Libby Schaaf issued the following statement:

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For Immediate Release

December 3, 2016

Update: 31st Avenue Fire

The Oakland Police Department is supporting the Oakland Fire Department as they are conducting their investigation into the large structure fire at 1305 31st Avenue.

Per the Oakland Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed:

- There are nine (9) known fatalities from this incident.
- At this time, an assessment is still being made of any additional victims in association with this incident.
- The Alameda County Sheriff's Coroner's Bureau and Chief Forensic Pathologist are processing the scene.
- Alameda County Arson Task Force is currently on scene to assist with the investigation.
- We are also working with Federal partners to determine the cause of the fire and assist with the investigation moving forward.
- Due to structural damage from the fire, the ongoing investigation efforts and search for additional victims will be methodical and are anticipated to take some time.

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The City of Oakland and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office have set up a joint command post at the corner of Fruitvale Ave. and International Blvd.

Public Information Officers will be providing hourly media updates throughout the day, on the hour. City officials will hold a news conference this afternoon at a location and time to be announced.

For updates on Twitter, stay tuned to @ACSOSheriffs and @oaklandpoliceca and the following hashtags:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: SABRINA B. LANDRETH,
City Administrator

SUBJECT: Post 31st Avenue Fire Follow-up

DATE: December 28, 2016

City Administrator

Date

Approval /s/ Claudia Cappio

12/28/16

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INFORMATION

This Information Memorandum provides an update on the efforts staff have taken since the 31st Avenue fire on December 2, 2016, as well as information on next steps that are underway to address the longer term impacts of the fire.

Post Disaster Recovery Efforts:

In the days following the fire, the City worked diligently with nonprofit, local, state, and federal partners to secure the site, provide services to the families in need and address questions from the community about the incident. Below is a summary of the key critical actions taken in the Post Disaster Recovery phase.

1. California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Cost Reporting: The Cal OES has the

California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) which is the negotiated reimbursement mechanism for local government fire agency responses through the California Fire Service and Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid System. The agreement requires certain documentation to be kept and submitted in order for a local government agency to receive reimbursement funding for expenses in large emergency situations. Oakland Fire Department Emergency Management Services Division staff has been diligently collecting necessary information from other City staff and submitting timely reports to Cal OES on behalf of the City.

2. Small Business Assistance: The City's Economic and Workforce Development Department has been working to identify available financial resources to sustain or rebuild businesses and employment, and develop opportunities for sustainable economic resilience in the geographic area affected by the fire. Post-fire actions have included: conducting damage and needs assessments throughout the recovery; working with the business community to identify and prioritize needs; offering technical assistance; and identifying emergent needs and gaps for the local businesses affected by the fire.
3. After Action Report: The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has agreed to prepare the After Action Report, which is required for an incident like this fire. The report will analyze the Fire Department's response to the incident. The Fire Department has already begun preparing the information needed for this report.
4. Public Records Act Requests: The City has received many public records requests since the 31st Avenue fire. In order to ensure that these requests are responded to in a timely and consistent manner, the City Administrator's Office assigned a single staff member to be the citywide coordinator for all records requests. The coordinator continues to receive requests and is working with staff in all affected City departments to organize and, in coordination with the Office of the City Attorney, release information in accordance with the Public Records Act. Records are posted on the City's website as they are released. A special email box and a phone line have been set up to facilitate responses to media inquiries as well: warehousefiremedia@oaklandnet.com and 510-457-1615.
5. Victim Support and Counseling: The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau, in coordination with the American Red Cross, set up the Family Assistance Center (FAC) immediately after the fire. The center included many services that the families of the victims would possibly need, including grief counseling and mental health services. The FAC was initially staffed by Alameda County Sheriff's Office. The City of Oakland and Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services added staff on Saturday December 3rd for the remaining four (4) days the FAC was active. As of December 7th, when the FAC closed, family members and friends requesting mental health services were referred to Alameda County District Behavioral Health Care Services or the American Red Cross. One Hundred and forty-six (146) American Red Cross workers (mostly volunteers) have been working with a multitude of government and community partners to provide comfort and support to people impacted by the fire. In the initial days after the fire, the Red Cross worked to provide immediate mental health support, meals, and snacks to on-scene first responders. Additionally, mental health support, health services, and initial financial assistance were provided to those impacted and their families. This assistance was provided through Red Cross Disaster Relief funds to support emergency lodging, clothing, and travel costs for those displaced and the families of those lost.

6. Donations: This tragedy has impacted the entire region and the Bay Area community has come together to support the families impacted by the fire including through very generous donations. The two major donation receiving entities are the Oakland A's Community Fund and the Gray Area Foundation. At the suggestion of the City of Oakland, the Oakland A's requested the assistance of the American Red Cross to act as a financial pass through to those impacted for the Oakland A's Oakland Fire Relief Fund. To date, \$531,779 has been transferred from this fund and is currently being distributed directly to those impacted. As of December 22nd, the American Red Cross has provided an initial distribution of \$368,000 and is working closely with those displaced and injured, as well as with the families of the deceased to ensure 100 percent distribution of all remaining funds. American Red Cross caseworkers will continue to check-in with those impacted over the weeks and months to come to ensure they have the resources and support available to them.
7. Status of the Building: Control of the property on 31st Avenue was returned to the owner as of Sunday December 18th. It has been fenced, secured and reinforced structurally. The City is working with the owner's representatives in pursuing further reinforcement so that investigations by various insurance companies and others can continue to occur safely.

Next Steps:

There are a number of actions underway to address the short term and long term issues associated with the 31st Avenue fire. Some of these actions will be completed in the near term and some will take longer as they involve significant policy issues.

Immediate Term:

1. Tenant Protections: The City Administrator's Office is working with the City Attorney's Office to develop a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that will be posted on the City's website. The FAQs will address various questions that have arisen concerning the rights and responsibilities of occupants and owners of spaces like that of the 31st Avenue warehouse and similar spaces.
2. Special Events: The City is creating a coordinated interdepartmental team to address special events. This team will facilitate well-informed decision making to ensure that special events are permitted and safe. This group will also assess staffing needs related to enforcement of special events permits and requirements.
3. Relocation Assistance: The Housing and Community Development Department is coordinating short-term housing for those displaced by the 31st Avenue Warehouse fire. For housing questions, please visit <https://goo.gl/UoGmfv>. More information on housing assistance will be forthcoming through a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) link on the Housing Assistance Center webpage mentioned above.

Longer Term:

1. Fire Safety Task Force. Immediately following the fire, the Mayor created a Fire Safety Task

Force. Staffed by City Administrator's Office, assisted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the Task Force includes City staff as well as outside experts. This Task Force will use the standards created by the NFPA 1730, "Standard on Organization and Deployment of Fire Prevention Inspection and Code Enforcement, Plan Review, Investigation, and Public Education Operations," as well as any other specific NFPA recommendations from the NFPA, to conduct a Community Risk Assessment and a Community Risk Reduction Program. This will be a comprehensive process that will include (but not be limited to) recommendations regarding:

- a. Developing a plan to create more detailed building stock inventories and to prioritize those buildings with the highest risks;
 - b. Determining potential policy changes regarding inspections, enforcement, special event permitting, and zoning vis-a-vis live/work units;
 - c. Examining how departments communicate with each other and how calls for service and other complaints are tracked, including a close look at our Accela, HDL, and Cityworks databases.
2. Artists Task Force: The Mayor's Office Policy Director of Art Spaces is reconvening the Artists Housing and Workspace Working Group of the Oakland Housing Cabinet. The Working Group will continue to solicit input from the artist community on solutions to safety and affordability issues for artist workspace and housing, as well as review and advise on the work of the Fire Safety Task Force.

Other Information:

The City Administrator will continue to provide updates on each of the actions described above and will provide more information with the report to the City Council on February 21, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Sabrina B. Landreth
City Administrator

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OAKLAND SYMPHONY PRESENTS *NOTES FROM NATIVE AMERICA* FEB. 24 AT THE PARAMOUNT THEATRE

MUSIC BY JEROD IMPICHCHAACHAHA' TATE AND JOHN WINEGLASS PLUS SU-NU-NU SHINAL POMO DANCERS AND SHOSTAKOVICH NINTH

Oakland, CA, December 8, 2016 --Music Director **Michael Morgan** and the Oakland Symphony continue their annual exploration of world orchestral music traditions this season with *Notes from Native America*, Friday, February 24, 2017, at 8 pm at the Paramount Theatre. The concert will feature music by award-winning composers **Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate** and **John Wineglass** plus Northern California's own **Su-Nu-Nu-Shinal Pomo Dancers**. The Symphony will perform "Clans" and "Hymns" from Tate's *Lowak Shoppala'* (Fire and Light) with narrator and men's chorus and Wineglass' *Big Sur* "The Night Sun". Completing the program will be Shostakovich's Symphony No. 9. The Symphony's *Notes from . . .* series has become a popular mainstay of the Bay Area music scene and annually explores symphonic music both new and traditional from cultures that may be less well known to audiences. Past *Notes from . . .* programs have focused on music from Mexico, Persia, the Philippines, China, Vietnam and the Middle East, among others. Free lobby entertainment, no-host drinks and pre-concert talk begin at 7 pm. Tickets are priced \$25-\$80 and may be purchased at www.OaklandSymphony.org.

About the Artists

Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate was born in 1968 in Norman, Oklahoma, and is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and a 2011 Emmy Award Winner. Mr. Tate is dedicated to the development of American Indian classical composition, and his *Iholba'* and *Tracing Mississippi*, Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, were recorded in 2007 by the San Francisco Symphony and San Francisco Symphony Chorus and are currently available on Thunderbird Records.

In 2006, Mr. Tate was the recipient of the Joyce Award which supported the commission of *Nitoshi' Imali*, Concerto for Guitar and Orchestra, which premiered in 2007 with soloist Jason Vieaux and the Civic Orchestra of Minneapolis, conducted by Cary John Franklin. His new work for orchestra and children's chorus, commissioned by the American Composers Forum Continental Harmony Project, celebrates the opening of the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. In 2008, he was appointed Cultural Ambassador for the State of Oklahoma.

Mr. Tate received his BM in Piano Performance from Northwestern University where he studied with Dr. Donald J. Isaak. He then completed his MM in Piano Performance and Composition at the Cleveland Institute of Music where he studied with Elizabeth Pastor and Dr. Donald Erb. Shortly after beginning his piano studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music, Jerod's first composition, *Winter Moons* ballet score, was commissioned by Dr. Patricia Tate and premiered at the University of Wyoming in 1992. Colorado Ballet subsequently performed it in 1994 and 1996.

Since then, Tate has received numerous commissions and his works have been performed by the National Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Colorado Ballet, The New Mexico Symphony, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Dale Warland Singers, the New Jersey Chamber Music Society and the Philadelphia Classical Symphony, to name a few.

Upcoming commissioned projects include the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Oklahoma City Ballet, Oklahoma City University, Gabriel Ayalla and the string quartet ETHEL.

Mr. Tate is Artistic Director for the Chickasaw Chamber Music Festival. He is Composer-in-Residence for the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and was Composer-in-Residence for the Grand Canyon Music Festival's Native American Composer Apprentice Project in 2004 and 2005. In 2007, he was Composer-in-Residence for The Joyce Foundation/American Composers Forum, teaching composition to American Indian high school students in Minneapolis. In 2009, Mr. Tate conceived, coordinated and implemented the CD project *Oshtali: Music for String Quartet*. The album consists of original compositions by his students from the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy and is the first professional recording in history of works by young American Indian Composers.

Mr. Tate received the 2006 Alumni Achievement Award from the Cleveland Institute of Music, was appointed Cultural Ambassador for the State of Oklahoma in 2008, has received awards from Meet the Composer and the Percussive Arts Society and was a 2011 Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowship nominee.

Mr. Tate's middle name, *Impichchaachaaha'*, means "high corncrib" and is his inherited traditional Chickasaw house name. A corncrib is a small hut

used for the storage of corn and other vegetables. In traditional Chickasaw culture, the corncrib was built high off of the ground on stilts to keep its contents safe from foraging animals.

John Wineglass

A native Washingtonian, John Wineglass has performed in several orchestras and chamber ensembles both in the U.S. and abroad, performing his first viola concerto with the DC Youth Orchestra in 1984 at the age of 11.

In 1994, Mr. Wineglass earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Music Composition with a minor in Viola Performance at The American University. Previously, he studied the viola for several years under Margaret Ward (The Washington Opera House Orchestra) and Osman Kivrak, D.M.A. (Baltimore Chamber Ensemble). He also completed several master classes at the annual Pablo Casals Festival at la Universidad de Puerto Rico under the tutelage of Maestro Mstislav Rostropovich (Conductor Laureate of the National Symphony Orchestra).

In 1999, Mr. Wineglass earned a master's degree in Music Composition: Film Scoring for Motion Pictures, Television and Multi-Media at New York University, studying with Justin Dello-Joio, D.M.A. of the Julliard School. His passion for music has also led him to develop proficiency as a gospel and contemporary jazz pianist. This wide array of musical prowess has afforded Mr. Wineglass opportunities to perform on five continents, before every U.S. president since Ronald Reagan, and to regale numerous world leaders, including former King Hussein of Jordan and Chancellor Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union.

As a recipient of three (two consecutive) 2001-2005 ® Daytime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Music Direction and Composition for a Drama Series, and three 2002-2005 ASCAP Film and Television Music Awards, Mr. Wineglass holds five ® EMMY nominations and has served as composer and conductor for The Film Society of Lincoln Center's Silent Film Festival. Here, he premiered two original scores, namely: "Tired of Giving In" (a short animated film about Rosa Parks) and "Gabriel Goes for A Walk" by New York University Tisch School filmmaker Karl Staven.

Having composed scores for several documentaries on MSNBC's "Headliner's and Legends with Matt Lauer," for major-network commercials, and for international campaigns on behalf of the American Red Cross, The US Army and others, Mr. Wineglass has captured the attention of numerous independent feature filmmakers.

In mainstream genres, John Wineglass has worked and performed with ® GRAMMY-Award Winning artists and producers, including Aretha Franklin, CeCe Winans, Yolanda Adams, Richard Smallwood, Blackstreet, Loris

Holland, Bashiri Johnson, Victor and Roy Wooten and Andrae and Sandra Crouch. The portfolio of acclaimed artists and musicians who Mr. Wineglass has also worked with include Tito Nieves, Kevon Edmonds, Najee, Will Downing, Jamie Foxx, Ray Chew, Daryl Coley, Donnie McClurkin, Patrick Henderson, William Becton, Dallas Holm, Clint Brown, Jean Luc-Lajoie of the Kry, Ron Kenoly, Gary Oliver, The Kenoly Brothers, Rodney Howard-Browne, Alvin Slaughter, Darlene Zschech, Israel Houghton and New Breed, Martha Munuzzi, Keith Staten and a host of others.

On various guest-conductor performances, Mr. Wineglass has served under the direction of internationally acclaimed Maestro Kurt Masur (New York Philharmonic), Maestro Samuel Wong (Hong Kong Philharmonic), Maestro Piotr Gajewski (National Chamber Orchestra), Maestro Randall Fleisher (Hudson Valley Philharmonic), Maestro David Lawton (Summer Opera Theatre), Maestro Ulysses S. James (Mt. Vernon Symphony) and Maestro Sergio Buslej (Pan-American Orchestra).

Su Nu Nu Shinal Pomo Dancers

Su Nu Nu Shinal, which means Huckleberry Heights in our native Kashia language, is made up of Kashia Pomo and Coast Miwok Indians. Our dancers and singers range in age from 9 to 64 years old and most have been performing these cultural songs and dances all their lives. Although most of our dancers are very young, they have been taught by their elders how to perform these ancient songs and dances in accordance with traditional practices. Starting in the early spring to late fall months, we dance at many events throughout our region called Big Times (like a Pow Wow). Our dance group has traveled outside the United States borders on a few occasions to share our native culture with other countries. First in 2002, the group traveled to Aotearoa, New Zealand on a 14-day tour dancing at numerous towns and villages throughout. Then in 2012 two of our dance group elders made a historic trip to Russia to share our Kashia culture with the Russian people. This trip would set the stage for another trip to Russia in June of 2014. This 2014 trip would be a 17-day tour of Moscow, Siberia and St. Petersburg. Our entire dance group would make this trip and perform at numerous cities and towns throughout Russia. Since 2012, after years of cooperative efforts, we have once again brought our songs and dances back to the sacred ancestral site called Metini (where Fort Ross currently is located). Our Kashia ancestors have lived here for thousands of years and after being removed over 170 years ago, it's great to be back. Kashia ancestral territory is located approximately 100 miles north of Oakland, Ca. along coast Hwy 1 in the Fort Ross area. Hundreds of years ago, this territory encompassed all the lands between the Gualala river to the north, Duncan's Point to the south, the Pacific Ocean on the west and all the way east to the Dry Creek river bed in Healdsburg. Our current reservation is located in traditional Kashia territory in Stewarts Point California.

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News from: City of Oakland & Alameda County District Attorney's Office

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December 13, 2016

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OAKLAND, CA –Today, the City of Oakland Fire Department, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office (DA's Office), and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) gathered with representatives from the Red Cross to discuss the conclusion of the on-scene operations for the 31st Avenue fire that broke out on December 2, 2016. The group also outlined the continued work to support victims' families, those displaced by the fire and potential witnesses.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or ATF, and the Oakland Fire Department have concluded the on-scene investigation for the 31st Avenue Fire. Throughout the District Attorney's Office's criminal investigation and the Oakland Fire Department's scene investigation, ATF has assisted by providing their fire expertise and assisting with witness interviews. All of the scene information has been gathered and analysis of the information will continue. The Oakland Fire Department will prepare the final report of the scene investigation. ATF and Oakland Fire Department's findings will be submitted to the District Attorney's Office in support of their ongoing criminal investigation.

"ATF will continue to support the Fire Department with processing the data from the scene for the final report," said Special Agent in Charge Jill Snyder. "ATF will also continue to assist the District Attorney's Office and the Oakland Fire Department with interviewing witnesses for the investigation."

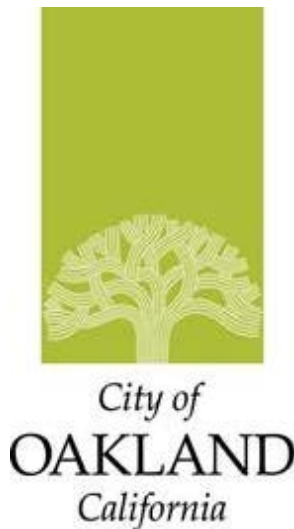
"I want to thank ATF for their support of our investigation, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, as well as the other first responders who provided mutual aid support during the recovery effort," said Oakland Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed. "I also want to acknowledge the outstanding work of Oakland's firefighters in managing this tragedy and the offer our deepest thanks to the Red Cross for their support at the scene and continued engagement with displaced residents, and the victims' families. We will continue to work closely with the District Attorney's Office as the investigations continue."

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office explained that its criminal investigation is ongoing. The District Attorney's office continues to ask any witnesses with information about the fire or the warehouse to come forward to assist with the investigation. She also shared information with the public about how those impacted by the fire could access victim witness support available through the DA's Office.

The District Attorney's Office thanked the Red Cross for its ongoing support of victims, their families and those displaced by the fire. Members of the Red Cross team provided information on where those impacted by the fire could continue to access support being provided by the agency.

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From: [Hamilton, Harry](#)
Subject: Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 3:00 pm
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News from: City of Oakland

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December 4, 2016

Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 3:00 p.m.

As of 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, December 4, the number of victims located is now 33. Seven of the victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified.

The District Attorney's Office has activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners.

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unless you believe a family member may be a victim of the fire.

In the coming days, after the recovery phase is completed, our focus will shift to a thorough investigation of what occurred. We are committed to bringing every resource to bear to determine what happened here and how such a tragic event could have occurred. Our priority is to bring closure to this tragedy for the victims' families.

Background

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The badly damaged building has required shoring, and first responders had begun retrieving the deceased. The roof of the building collapsed onto the second floor which has complicated the process of recovery effort. This recovery will be undertaken in a methodical and thorough process in a humane and compassionate manner to ensure that the victims are recovered and identified, and to make sure their families have this information as expeditiously as possible.

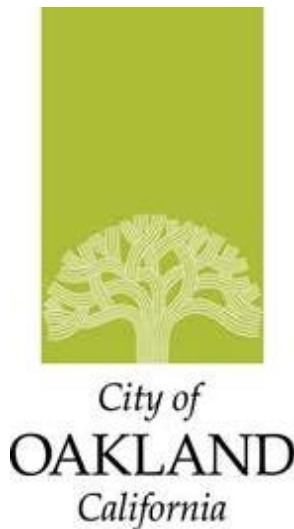
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- Our city has experienced a tremendous tragedy. As a community, we can come together in recovery and spirit. The Oakland A's have set up a site for donations for Oakland Fire Victims at <https://www.youcaring.com/firevictimsofoaklandfiredec232016-706684>.

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News from: City of Oakland

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December 4, 2016

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The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau has provided the City of Oakland the names of the eight (8) victims that have been positively identified as having perished in the 31st Avenue Fire. One of the seven victims is a 17-year-old minor whose name will not be released. The victims' families have been notified.

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The six identified victims are:

Cash Askew, 22, Oakland, Calif.
David Clines, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Nick Gomez-Hall, 25, Coronado, Calif.
Sara Hoda, 30, Walnut Creek, Calif.
Travis Hough, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Donna Kellogg, 32, Oakland, Calif.
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The City of Oakland extends condolences to the families who have received the dreadful news that one of their loved ones perished in the fire.

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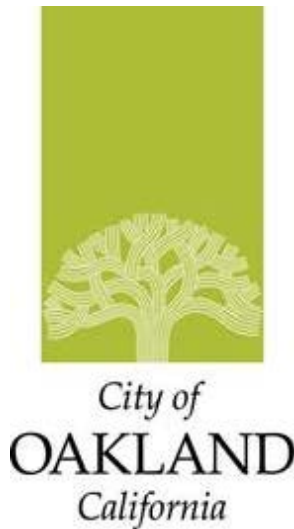
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The recovery effort, hindered by the roof collapse, required a breach of the cinder block wall with heavy rescue equipment at approximately 10:00 p.m. last night. The debris removal process continued throughout the evening.

Three of the victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. Out of respect for the families, these names will not be released until later today.

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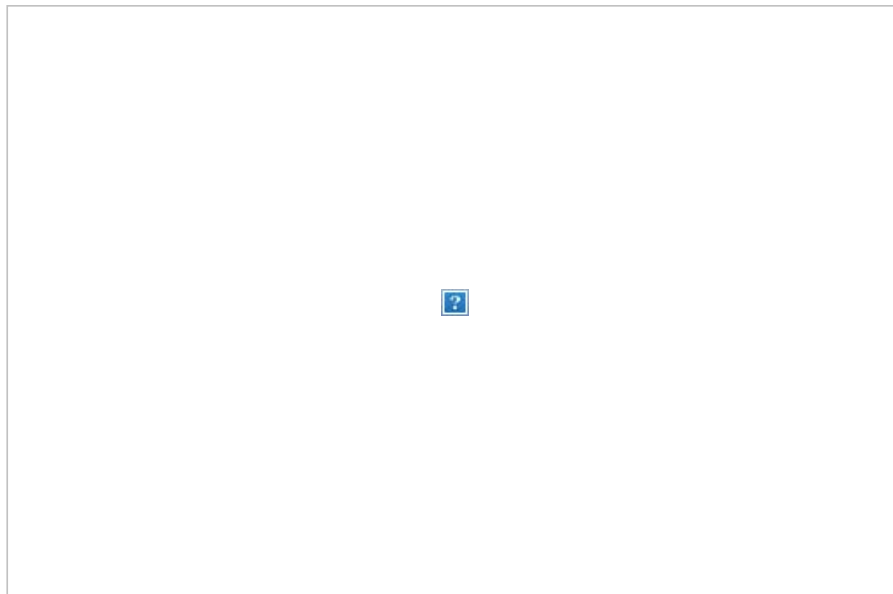
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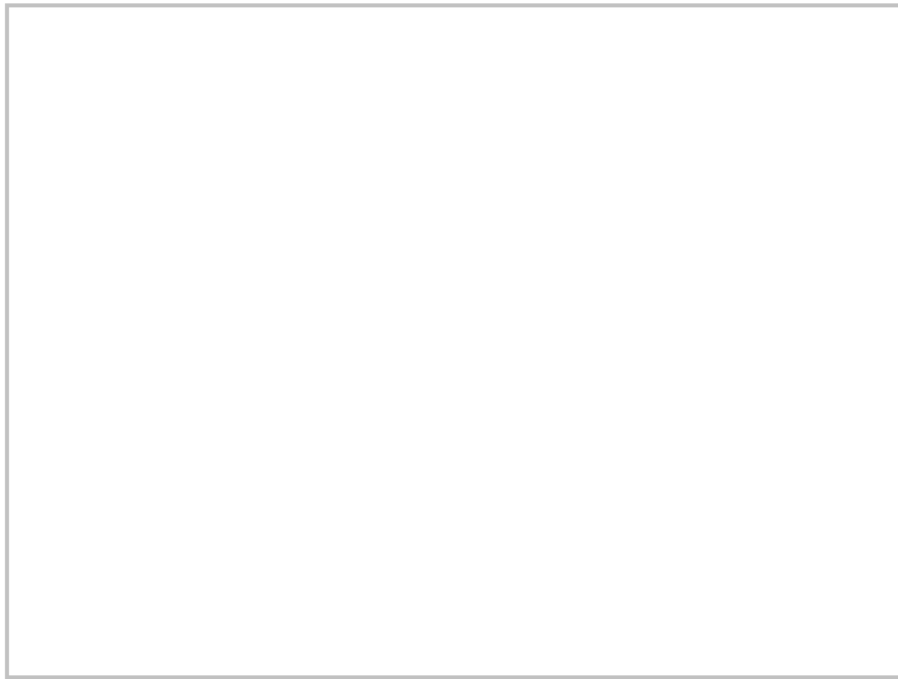
John 3:16-Greatest Message of All Time



*Have a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!
God bless You to Achieve Your Destiny & Purpose!*

Steph Curry & Family Spices It Up by Giving Back To Community

International Media TV's Johnnie Burrell Chronicles Unique Community Perspective



Oakland-On December 27, 2016, Warriors Guard and NBA MVP Stephen Curry and his family teamed up with Beebe Memorial Cathedral, and international hunger relief organization, "Feed The Children" for their fourth annual event to provide 1,200 San Francisco Bay Area families with boxes of food and personal care items this holiday season.

International Giving In the New Year...

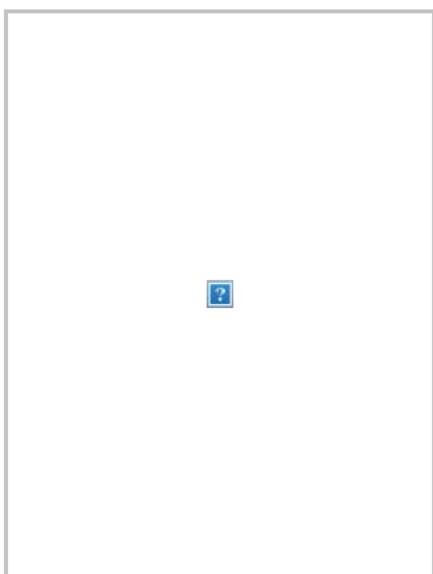


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then you know my brand ID "Community Service is the Cornerstone of Wright Enterprises" based on my conviction that "community service is the hallmark of good business." That's goes internationally as well. Amid the wonderful business opportunities of the November CA Trade Mission in South Africa including being on the Essence Festival Durban dias; being interviewed by masterful news anchor Gugu Cele of CNBC Africa, establishing ties with Johannesburg-based Morehouse grad [Garrett Webster of Team BTL](#) and Durban based Brenda Dunn of Be Done Communications; meeting U.S & South Africa based businessman Stephen Hightower of Hightower Petroleum Company; community service came to the forefront of great opportunities.

It was a love letter than caused me to fall in love with the work of Mazisi and Mathabo Kunene. I looked upon the wall of the Kunene foundation as Vee Governor of Governor & Associates and Eric Apelgren Head of Durban's Governance & International Relations Department arranged the tour for LA-based



filmmaker Damon Jamal ([See his short of Kaepernick](#)) and me. It was that love letter; that interchange between then South African exiled UCLA Professor Mazisi Kunene to his partner in the struggle against apartheid, the mother of his children and the love of his life that opened my heart to see what else this man had to say. And it was a lot as this now deceased first poet laureate of President Nelson Mandela, made it his life's work to preserve the Zulu language in literature. I stood mesmerized feeling like Julie Harris character "Frankie" in [Member of the Wedding](#), in love with love. My visit had just scratched the surface of the great writers work.

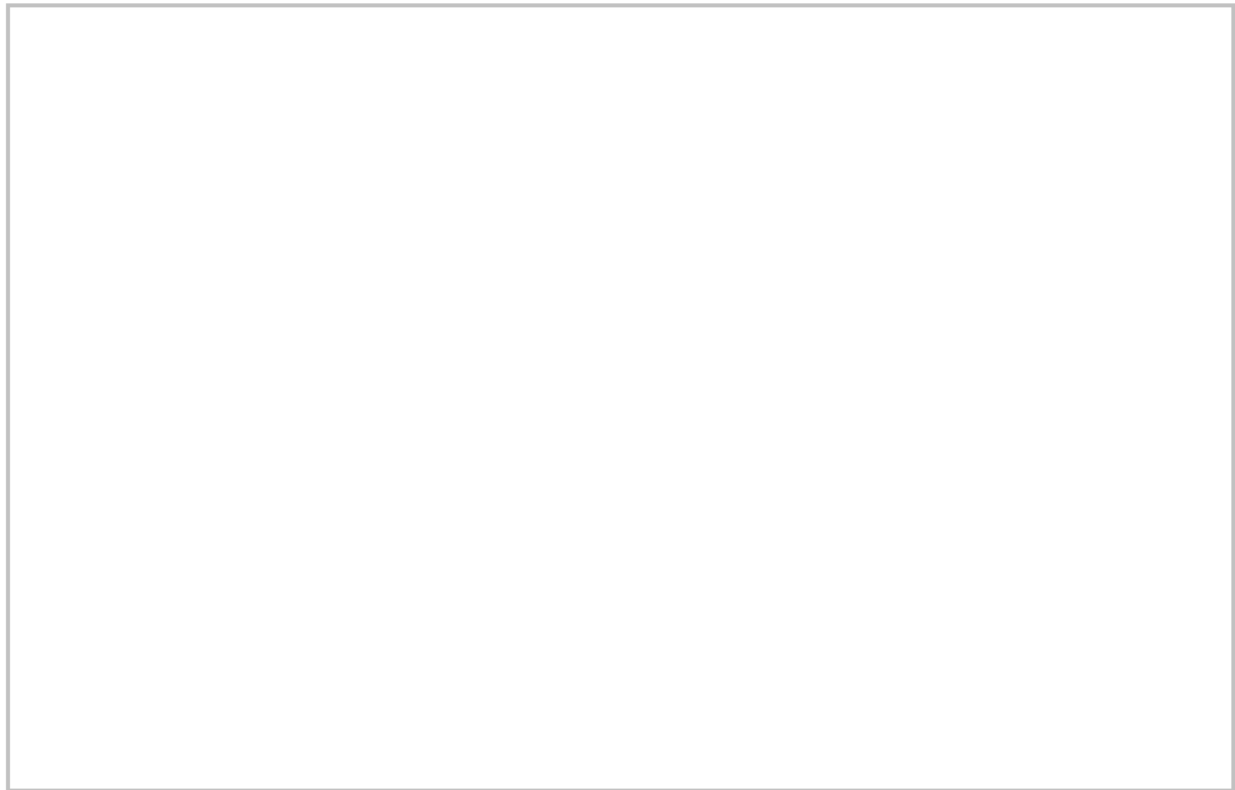
What was so fascinating were the world ties of his work that included the U.S.; the United Kingdom; Japan; and China to name a few. Most fascinating was the on-the-ground work of the foundation based in Durban to assist young people with not only food for thought via educational program, but food and jobs in Mr. Kunene's hometown of Amahlongwa, South Africa. Mrs. Mathabo Kunene, a wonderfully gifted chef and caterer in her own right, is doing a marvelous job with just a few assistants to digitize the work of Mr. Kunene and further develop the foundation. Get just a glimpse of their work as it unfolds on the website:

www.kunenefoundation.org.



The late South African Poet Laureate Mazisi Kunene with his love, Mathabo Kunene.

And How About a Bunch of Grannies Taking the Ball and Running With It...



Malibongwe Service Center Founder and Coach of the Senior Soccer Team, Rona Dunn (center) has a candid moment with Malibongwe Champions on the campus of a Wentworth high school just before going in to support a youth anti-drug community celebration. (Photo by Marilyn Bernard of Independent Media)

Durban, South Africa- I call her the energizer Bunny, Rona Dunn, the widow of anti-apartheid South African Civil Rights Lawyer, Sydney Dunn. She is the founder of the Malibongwe Service Center in one of Durban's toughest neighborhood. It boasts a formidable senior soccer team.

I met Ms. Dunn at the Essence Festival Durban Women's empowerment breakfast and it was an idea a minute every time Mrs. Dunn opened her mouth, possibility after possibility. For a woman who is building the Malibongwe Service Center for seniors and their families, one cinder block at a time, making something out of nothing is in her DNA.



What could these zippers be?

As Mrs. Dunn talked about the great arts and crafts of the seniors of the Malibongwe Service Center, it sounded like a great match to create a trade mission project with the San Francisco Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women's "Bridging the Generations" Workforce Development and Employment Program that has as one of its partners, The I.T. Bookman Community Center in San Francisco.



Purses Designed by Yvette



Jackie Wright, Wright Enterprises, delegate to the historic November CA Trade Mission to Durban South Africa gets Pointers from fellow seniors.

"Each one teach one" could have international implications as Durban's economically challenged neighborhood of Wentworth possibly sends its wares to the U.S. to be sold.

The California Trade Mission 2016 hosted by the EThekweni Municipality/Durban was sponsored by:

The California Black Chamber of Commerce (www.calbcc.org), Council Member Allen Wayne Warren: City of Sacramento, Wright Enterprises, Roland Washington of San Francisco and V. Govender and Assoc. (@VeeGovender).



Article by Tanya Waterworth of the "Independent on Saturday."

As The Year Ends...Don't Forget to Give Back to Pay It Forward

It's always a good day to give year-end or in the New Year...

There are Much More Worthy Non profits. Wish I could name them all, but Here are just a few "top of mind" organizations to consider:

Association of Californians for Community Empowerment

<http://www.acceaction.org/>

Housing Committee of San Francisco

<http://www.hrcsf.org/>

Eviction Defense Collaborative

<http://evictiondefense.org/>

Media Alliance

www.media-alliance.org

National Coalition of 100 Black Women San Francisco

<http://www.ncbwsf.org/>

African American Shakespeare Company

<http://african-americanshakes.org/>

Afro Solo

<http://www.afrosolo.org/>

San Francisco Black Film Festival

www.sfbff.org

Oakland International Film Festival

www.oiff.org

The African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council
<http://www.savingblacklives.org>

American Red Cross
<http://www.redcross.org/local/california/northern-california-coastal>

Goodwill
<http://sfgoodwill.org/>

Felton Institute/Family Service Agency of San Francisco
<http://felton.org/>

I.T. Bookman Community Center
<http://itbookmancenter.org/index.html>

Lorraine Hansberry Theatre
<http://www.lhtsf.org/>

Mary Elizabeth Inn
<http://www.meinn.org/>

Bayview Hill Neighborhood Association
<http://www.bayviewhillsf.org/>

BMAGIC
<http://bayviewmagic.org/>

Bayview YMCA Primed & Prepped Culinary Program
<https://www.ymcasf.org/programs/primed-prepped-culinary-arts-program-bayview-hunters-point>

United Way of the Bay Area
<https://uwba.org/>

KPOO
<http://www.kpoo.com/>

San Francisco Bayview
<http://sfbayview.com/>

Khan Academy
<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Boys and Girls Club of Oakland
www.BGCOakland.org

Boys and Girls Club San Francisco
<http://www.kidsclub.org/>

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As of 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, the number of located and recovered victims is 36. Twenty-two victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. An additional 11 victims have been tentatively identified and three victims need scientific identification.

Today, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley shared the details of the launch of her office's criminal investigation into the fire. The District Attorney's Office has activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners. In the coming days, after the recovery phase is completed, our focus will shift to a thorough investigation of what occurred. We are committed to bringing every resource to bear to determine what happened here and how such a tragic event could have occurred. Our priority is to bring closure to this tragedy for the victims' families.

As District Attorney O'Malley highlighted, members of the victims' families may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP). For details on this and other victim services, please visit http://www.alcoda.org/victim_witness/.

At a 2:30 p.m. media briefing, Alameda County Sheriff Ahern shared images of the inside of the building at 1315 31st Avenue and recovery efforts undertaken. The images are available at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061771>.

The City of Oakland extends condolences to the families who have received the dreadful news that one of their loved ones perished in the fire. Previously, the names of seven (7) identified victims were released. They include:

Cash Askew, 22, Oakland, Calif.
David Cline, 24, Oakland, Calif.
Nick Gomez-Hall, 25, Coronado, Calif.
Sara Hoda, 30, Walnut Creek, Calif.
Travis Hough, 35, Oakland, Calif.
Donna Kellogg, 32, Oakland, Calif.
Brandon Chase Wittenauer, 32, Hayward, Calif.

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In order for first responders to complete the recovery process, it was determined that a large crane was needed. To safely operate the crane, it was necessary to de-energize nearby power lines. Thanks to careful planning, the planned outage impacted 12 residential and commercial PG&E customers. The power was turned off at 3:20 p.m. The planned outage is anticipated to last at least 12 hours.

In addition to PG&E's phone notification, outreach teams from the City's Neighborhood Services Division and Economic Development Department paid personal visits to both commercial and residential customers. If customers have any questions about the outage, they may call PG&E at (800) 743-5002.

Recovery efforts in a portion of the building were suspended this morning around 12:15 a.m. due to precarious building conditions. While a plan to stabilize that wall, recovery work resumed in a different area of the building. Debris removal and victim recovery continue. Currently, 70% of the building has been cleared.

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Additional update:

- Christine remains on scene coordinating with County and Red Cross at family assistance center
- We have set up a dedicated family communications channel
- we have staffing there 24-hrs, with city staff rotating out every 6 hrs
- Claudia & I are still on incident scene, with Fire/PWA/Building/PD and outside partners continuing to work on safe search efforts
- Staff continuing to assess and compile all records on property (fire inspections, police reports, bldg complaints/permits/inspections)
- PIOs remain at both locations
- Coroner has positively identified first victims and will be notifying families within the next few hours, but not publicly announced until AM.
- Mayor has been with the families most of the day and has been in contact with other state & fed officials
- Donations pouring in, and initial efforts to coordinate are set up through Red Cross and [Youcaring.com](#)
- Extra crisis support services being made available through County for our staff and vendors on scene.

Thank you for all your support today.

This will be a multi-day operation as we carefully gain access to the building and assess.

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-Sabrina

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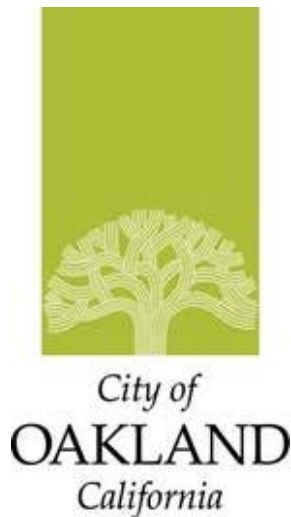
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In the coming days, after the recovery phase is completed, our focus will shift to a thorough investigation of what occurred. We are committed to bringing every resource to bear to determine

what happened here and how such a tragic event could have occurred. Our priority is to bring closure to this tragedy for the victims' families.

Oakland Fire Department is currently working with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, Oakland Police Department, Alcohol Tobacco and Fire, CAL OSHA, Alameda County Search and Rescue and the American Red Cross to secure the scene, continue the recovery effort and conduct the investigation into the cause of this deadly fire.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office will be managing the victim identification process and working with the Oakland Police Department to provide additional updates.

The last permitted use of the building was as a warehouse. On November 13, 2016, the City of Oakland received complaints of blight and unpermitted interior construction at the building. On November 17, 2016, a City building inspector visited the property and verified the blight complaint, but could not gain access to the building to confirm the other complaint regarding unpermitted construction. This is an ongoing investigation.

Our city has experienced a tremendous tragedy. As a community, we can come together in recovery and spirit. The Oakland A's have set up a site for donations for Oakland Fire Victims at <https://www.youcaring.com/firevictimsofoaklandfiredec232016-706684>.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau has established a Family Assistance Center in coordination with the American Red Cross, located at 2425 E. 12th Street. Family members and friends looking to locate loved ones may go to the center. Grief counseling and resources are available to families affected by this tragedy. We are requesting that only families and loved ones go to the Family Assistance Center and ask that the media respect the privacy of families at this time.

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Editor's Note: The next update briefing will be held at 8 a.m. on Sunday, December 4, at International Boulevard and 31st Avenue.