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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sabrina B. Landreth

SUBJECT: City Administrator's Weekly Report

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Upcoming City of Oakland Job Announcements – During the week of September 30, the Human Resources Management Department (HRM) anticipates posting job announcements for the following positions:

- Benefits Representative
- City Administrator Analyst (Limited Duration appointment)
- Veterinarian

For the most up-to-date information on City jobs, please view the Employment Information page on our website at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/oaklandca/default.cfm>. The Employment Information page also contains information on minimum qualifications of specific job classifications, how to apply for a job on-line and how to submit a job interest card for positions not currently posted. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Management Receptionist at (510) 238-3112.

Free Downtown Walking Tours Offer Glimpse of Oakland's History – Through October, free 90-minute walking tours of downtown will be offered every Wednesday and Saturday. Eight different tour itineraries let residents and visitors glimpse both today's happening scene and landmarks from Oakland's past by showcasing the city's changing skyline, landmarks, churches and high-rises. Each tour, led by a volunteer guide, begins at 10:00 a.m. from various starting locations depending on the itinerary. The six-month-long Oakland Tours season ensures ample opportunity to take in each of the eight tour itineraries. Reservations are recommended by leaving a message on the Tours' 24-hour hotline at (510) 238-3234 or via email to aallen@oaklandca.gov. The tour brochure, itinerary descriptions, dates and starting locations are available at www.oaklandca.gov/walkingtours. [Read the media release.](#)

For more information, please contact Annalee Allen, Tours Coordinator, at aallen@oaklandca.gov or (510) 238-3234.

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

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

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

National Preparedness Month – Every year, for the past 16 years across the nation, the month of September has served as a reminder to prepare ourselves, our families, and our communities for the disasters and emergencies that could happen where we live, work and play.

The City of Oakland encourages all residents of and commuters within Alameda County to register to receive Public Information and Warning Alerts through the mass notification system. Help us, help you – visit www.acalert.org and 'opt-in'. If we can't reach you, we can't alert you!

Oakland's Civic Design Lab Wants to Hear from You! – Oakland's Civic Design Lab is partnering with the Department of Transportation to learn more about residents' experiences with parking and towing – specifically regarding challenges with paying for tickets – to develop additional support services. Please take a survey to share your feedback and help inform solutions! The survey is available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese.

English Survey: tinyurl.com/ParkingandTowing
Spanish Survey: tinyurl.com/Encuesta-Parking-Towing
Chinese Survey: tinyurl.com/ChineseParking-Towing

Family Entertainment by Cascada de Flores Coming to Oakland Public Library – On Saturday, September 28, 10:30am, the exciting bilingual performance troupe Cascada de Flores will appear

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

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

Oakland History Room Kicks Off Month of Exploring Oakland Neighborhoods – On Wednesday, October 2, 6pm, the Oakland History Room’s 2019 Fall History Lecture Series begins with “Exploring the Laurel District,” a program led by local historian, editor, and author Dennis Evanosky. The first of five weekly discussions, all delving into Oakland neighborhoods and significant events, Mr. Evanosky’s presentation will cover the arrival of the Ohlone to the early 20th century development of Laurel Grove Park and Key Route Heights. He will also discuss the arrival of the streetcars and the MacArthur Freeway that divided the neighborhood. The Fall History Series takes place at the Main Library, 125 14th Street; all event will be held in the Bradley C. Walters Community Room, unless otherwise noted below. For information, contact Dorothy Lazard, Librarian II, at dlazard@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 238-3222. Here’s a run-down of other upcoming events in this series:

East Bay Yesterday Live! Exploring BART History with Michael C. Healy – On Wednesday, October 9, 6pm, East Bay Yesterday podcast host Liam O’Donoghue will interview Michael C. Healy, author of *BART: The Dramatic History of the Bay Area Rapid Transit System*. Expect to hear stories of epic political battles, scandals, a “phantom station,” and even a baby born on BART.

- **Oakland’s Redevelopment History in Pictures** – On Wednesday, October 16, 6pm, archivist Moriah Ulinskas will discuss the transformation of West Oakland and Downtown Oakland as it was photographed before and during the city’s most aggressive period of redevelopment.
- **The Controversy in the Way of the MacArthur Maze** – On Wednesday, October 23, 6pm, local historian Stuart Swiedler will utilize rare aerial photographs, ground images, and documents to tell the story of the MacArthur Maze project and the controversial impact it had on the California Industries and Orientation Center for the Blind.

- **The Great Oakland Annexation of 1909** – On Wednesday, October 30, 6pm, Oakland History Room librarian Dorothy Lazard as she presents a talk on the annexation of the Fruitvale, Melrose, and Elmhurst, which doubled the size of our city. This event will take place in the Oakland History Room, on the 2nd floor of the Main Library.
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César E. Chávez Library Offers Higher Education Prep – On Saturday, October 5, 11am, high school students can come to César E. Chávez Branch Library (3301 East 12th Street, suite 271) to get help with college applications and essay writing. For information, contact Linda Nguyen, Teen Services Librarian, at lnguyen@oaklandlibrary.org or (510) 535-5620.

Litquake is Coming to Oakland's Main Library – On October 10–19, Litquake, San Francisco's Literary Festival, takes place. (The festival is celebrating its 20th year.) It has become a tradition for the festival to make a stop at the Oakland Public Library (125 14th Street) to bring East Bay authors before an East Bay crowd. Please join us for two highly relevant literary events. For information, contact, Christy Thomas, Librarian II, at cthomas@oaklandlibrary.org or (510)238-3138.

- **Let Her Tell It! Black Women Healing Through Writing** – On Monday, October 14, 6pm, local, female African American authors will offer an honest discussion about real issues depicted in their writing. Kira Lynne Allen, Jeneé Darden, Natalie Devora, Dr. Adrienne Danyelle Oliver and Kelechi Ubozoh will each read from their work before joining in a group discussion with the public.
 - **Lit by the Lake at the Library** – On Friday, October 18, 6:30pm, six of the East Bay's literary luminaries will joining forces in a special after-hours event at the Main Library. Authors Lucy Jane Bledsoe, Alison Hart, Vanessa Hua, Saul Lechuk, Jenny Odell, and Margaret Wilkerson Sexton will read from their latest works while you enjoy a glass of wine (for attendees over the age of 21) courtesy of Ashes & Diamonds Winery and treats courtesy of Semifreddis. (All guests will be asked to make a suggested \$5 donation to help offset costs.)
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Downtown Oakland Specific Draft Plan and Environmental Impact Report –Oakland's Planning & Building Department released the official Draft Specific Plan for Downtown Oakland along with the Draft Environmental Impact (EIR) Report for public review. There is a 45-day public comment period for both documents, closing on October 15. The community is encouraged to join upcoming public meetings to learn more about the Plan's goals to guide development and implementation for the vitality and equitable development of Downtown, ask questions of the City's Planning team, and offer comments for consideration.

The documents will be discussed at several upcoming public events, including City of Oakland board and commission meetings:

- Monday, September 30 | Library Commission
- Wednesday, October 2 | Planning Commission Meeting #2 (Draft Plan & Draft EIR)
- Friday, October 4 | Lincoln Summer Nights
- Tuesday, October 8 | City Council's Community and Economic Development Committee
- Monday, October 21 | Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities

For more details on all upcoming meetings, including start times and locations, visit: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/downtown-oakland-specific-plan>

Review the Draft Downtown Oakland Specific Plan (DOSP) and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) here: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/downtown-oakland-specific-plan>.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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