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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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# City of Oakland & Partners Prep Youth, Young Adults for Employment, Job Fair slated for May 16

Oakland, CA – Oakland youth and young adults, ages 16-24, are being prepped for summer employment by the City of Oakland and its partners in anticipation of the Earn & Learn East Bay Summer Youth Job Fair 2018. The job fair, which will run from Noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 will be held at Laney College, 900 Fallon Street. More than 40 businesses will be participating in the job fair and interviewing candidates on-site for full-time, part-time and summer jobs.

To ensure that participating Oakland youth are prepared for their on-site interviews, Leaders Up will be offering job preparedness workshops in advance of the job fair. The workshops will give young people the tools to land a summer job, including how to write a winning resume, create an elevator speech that will leave a lasting impression with employers, prepare for an interview and develop and demonstrate critical workplace skills. Youth job seekers who attend the job preparedness workshops will be guaranteed a job interview at the job fair.

### Job Preparedness Workshops will be held at Laney College, 900 Fallon Street on:

- Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 21, 1 to 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 12, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

To register for one of the Job Preparedness Workshops, Oakland youth and young adults should visit GetTheJobOakland.eventbrite.com.

The City of Oakland's Workforce Development Board is partnering with Leaders Up, Laney College, Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Oakland Private Industry Council and the Oakland Unified School District.

Employers looking to fill vacant positions are encouraged to participate at the Job fair to meet with hundreds of youth and young adult job seekers. To register, businesses should visit <a href="Metable-BobOaklandEmployer.eventbrite.com">GetTheJobOaklandEmployer.eventbrite.com</a>.

To volunteer at a Job Preparedness Workshop or the Job Fair, please register at GetTheJobOaklandVolunteer.eventbrite.com

For more information, email <u>youthjobs@oaklandnet.com</u>.

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### About the Oakland Workforce Development Board

The Oakland Workforce Development Board (OWDB) is housed in the City's Economic & Workforce Development Department and oversees a variety of employment and training programs and services in Oakland. These programs and services help local residents access employment opportunities and connect businesses with qualified local talent.