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Mayor's Statement on Shooting in Downtown Oakland

Tragically, a young man was shot at 14th and Broadway tonight. But whether a murder occurs here or at 98th and International, I call on all Oaklanders to demand peace and reject violence anywhere. Whether this incident is related to the encampment, or is an unrelated act, it is unacceptable.

We heard that fights early in the day were broken up by people on Frank Ogawa Plaza.

Tonight's incident underscores the reason why the encampment must end. The risks are too great. We need to return OPD resources to addressing violence throughout the city. It's time for the encampment to end. Camping is a tactic, not a solution.

I call on the community to be united in the need for the camp to close. I am calling on campers to leave voluntarily. We have sent additional outreach workers tonight and made additional shelter beds available.

Our Measure Y outreach workers are reaching out to offer additional services. City Team Ministries, 722 Washington St., has beds for men, and for women, Crossroads Shelter, 7515 International Blvd. We appreciate the service workers at the Interfaith Tent who are also providing outreach to the homeless.

We need a peaceful resolution to the encampment. The campers need to leave voluntarily. I call on the community to be united around a peaceful resolution.

Jean Quan
Mayor of Oakland