

Preparing for the Oscar Grant Verdict

It is possible the verdict in the trial of BART Officer Mehserle in the Oscar Grant case may leave many people feeling a sense of outrage, anger and injustice. We ask that you be **BOTH** committed to **social justice** by putting an end to police brutality **AND** a **peaceful and thriving Oakland**.

- There's no question - Police brutality is **wrong**.
- But the question is **what do we do with our anger?** Do we use it to **make change** or do we use it to destroy each other and our community?
- There are **constructive ways to have your voice heard** - join a speak-out or make music to express yourself. Check out websites of some of the many Oakland organizations dedicated to social justice issues:
 - Urban Peace Movement <http://urbanpeacemovement.org>
 - Ella Baker Center for Human Rights - www.ellabakercenter.org
 - Youth Together - www.youthtogether.net
 - Youth UpRising – www.youthuprising.org
- Beware of '**outside agitators**' who are not from Oakland and who will try to incite violence. Oakland is OUR HOME, it's not theirs, and they don't care if we mess our city up. And, they won't be there for you if YOU get caught-up by the police.
- Let's not let these agitators **make a bad situation worse**.

On the day the verdict is released, we advise all people to stay where they are or be at home. However, if young people need a place to go, the following Parks and Recreation Centers and youth serving organizations will be **open** as places for you to **cool off** and express yourself in positive ways. :

- East Bay Asian Youth Center – 2025 East 12th St/ 533-1092
- Arroyo Viejo Recreation Center – 7701 Krause Avenue/615-5755
- Moss Wood Recreation Ctr –3612 Webster Street at McArthur/ 597-5038
- Youth Uprising –8711 MacArthur Blvd/ 777-9909

