PUBLIC PROTEST RESOURCES

Preparation for a Protest

Safety Tips to Consider:

• Be sure your business and home are well lit. Good lighting increases visibility and the effectiveness of any video surveillance system.

• Bring in your trash receptacles or secure them.

• Bring in any outdoor furniture, signs, flowerpots, or other unsecured fixtures that could be used to break a window.

• If you have a surveillance system, be sure it is in good working order and is turned on! Save recordings to help document criminal activity.

• Consider boarding street level/street accessible glass.

Additional Prep:

• Have insurance policies on hand and know what's covered.

• Notify tenants of any planned protests in the area.

• Double check tenant hours of operation.

• Review security policies. Discuss with service provider if a third party.

• Figure out your plan of action NOW. Know who you'll call for what. Write it down with relevant contact info and have it handy. Print the document so that you don’t run into tech issues in an emergency.

After/During a Protest

Dealing with Damage

Buildings may be affected by graffiti, broken windows, fire, and other vandalism. Check our BID BOMA directory for companies that can assist you in clean up: https://bomakc.org/directory.php

How to Stay Informed

City governments will use a variety of communication channels to keep the community informed:

• A free, web-based application called NIXLE to provide timely updates to our community about traffic disruptions or suggested alternate transportation routes. If you have not yet signed up for NIXLE, text your zip code to 888777 to opt-in, or visit www.nixle.com.

• Social media such as Twitter and Facebook, are being utilized by most cities and police departments in our area. Be sure to follow and subscribe for updates to ensure that the info makes it to your news feed.
Emergency Assistance
An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department or ambulance. Examples include:

- A fire
- A crime, especially if in progress
- A car crash, especially if someone is injured
- A medical emergency, especially for symptoms that require immediate medical attention

Calling for Emergency Assistance
When you call 911, be prepared to answer the call-taker's questions, which may include:

- The location of the emergency, including the street address
- The phone number you are calling from
- The nature of the emergency
- Details about the emergency, such as a physical description of a person who may have committed a crime, a description of any fire that may be burning, or a description of injuries or symptoms being experienced by a person having a medical emergency

Calling 911 from a cell phone:

- Tell the emergency operator the location of the emergency right away.
- Be prepared to provide the emergency operator with your wireless phone number, so if the call gets disconnected, the emergency operator can call you back.
- Remember that many emergency operators currently lack the technical capability to receive texts, photos, and videos.

Call local police directly from a cell phone:

- Pre-program local police emergency numbers in your phone. Make sure you call the local policy for the city the emergency is in!

This is a simplified document that is meant to provide basic guidance. This resource does not cover legal opinions, recommendations, responsibilities, or duties. Please do additional research.