



Dear Colleagues:

The Port of Oakland is glad to host the 2017 [AAPA Port Administration & Legal Issues Seminar](#) March 7 & 8. I am writing to extend a personal invitation, to give tips for your travels and to suggest some activities in case you are here for an extended stay.

Aside from the relevant and exciting lineup of workshops, AAPA, the Port and our generous sponsor – [Farella Braun and Martel LLP](#) - has arranged for a **cruise boat tour of the Port of Oakland harbor area**. This will be a **90 minute tour with hors d'oeuvres and a hosted bar** to view up close the Port of Oakland Maritime areas and operations. [Click on this link](#) for information briefly introducing the Port of Oakland and its lines of business. The event hotel, [Waterfront Hotel](#), is only steps away from the Port of Oakland headquarters offices.

### **Transportation:**

I highly recommend you flying into **Oakland International Airport (OAK)** – not just because the Port of Oakland operates it but because it is so much easier and closer than the alternative @ SFO. Taxis, Lyft and Uber as well as rental cars are all readily available from OAK to the hotel, which is only a 10 mile distance. You can also catch the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) train directly from OAK to 12<sup>th</sup> Street City Center station in downtown Oakland. From there, it is a one-mile walk or you can catch the [Free Broadway Shuttle](#) that will take you directly to Jack London Square where the hotel is located.

### **Nearby Sites and Eats**

The event hotel and the seminars will happen at [Jack London Square](#) – a vibrant waterfront restaurant district named after the famous California author. Lately, the square has become a hip scene with the many younger residents who have moved into Oakland.

The aforementioned Free Broadway Shuttle is a handy free way to get from the hotel to **downtown Oakland and Oakland Chinatown**. There are good Chinese food from dim sum to ramen everywhere in Chinatown, but a central place is the [Pacific Renaissance Plaza](#). Continuing riding down Broadway on the shuttle will take you to the hip new gourmet scene and performance theater district at [Uptown Oakland](#). From uptown, it's only a 10-minute walk to the central park of Oakland – [Lake Merritt](#). Check [this website](#) for other ways and places to enjoy the nearby sights and scene, including biking and kayak rentals.

If you must go to **San Francisco ☺**, its easy from the hotel. Simply hop onto the [ferry](#) at the ferry terminal right next to the Port administrative building, or, of course you can take BART from downtown Oakland.

If you have further question about your trip or getting around the San Francisco Bay Area, please do not hesitate to email me at [dwan@portoakland.com](mailto:dwan@portoakland.com).

I look forward to seeing you.

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