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Reminder: Public Safety Not Affected by City of Oakland's Planned Business Closure

OAKLAND, CA – As previously announced, due to budget cutbacks and official City holidays (Lincoln's Birthday and President's Day), the City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other City services between Thursday, February 12th and Monday, February 16th as approved in the October 21, 2008, revised budget.

Police, fire and other essential public safety and emergency services are not affected. For a complete list of City facilities which will remain open during this closure, go to www.oaklandnet.com.

Mayor Dellums said: "Our nation is facing one of the most severe economic crises in our history. Local governments throughout the country are struggling to remain financially solvent. Many have chosen to stay open fewer days to reduce costs, opting to close business as often as once-a-week, in addition to laying off employees. These are painful choices that require a delicate balance between maintaining vital services and exercising budgetary restraint."

Specific Service Impacts

Public Works

- Street sweeping will occur only in areas where parking restriction signs are posted.
- No other routine Public Works operations will be performed during the shut down.
- Serious emergencies — such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions — will be responded to.
- The Public Works Call Center will be closed to all routine calls. Routine services will resume on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, and will include park maintenance, tree services, street light outages, pothole repair, graffiti abatement and illegal dumping removal. Delays in routine services may occur due to backlogs from the holiday/closure period.

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Oakland Public Library

- The Main Library, branch libraries and AAMLO will also be closed on Thursday, February 12, Friday, February 13, and Monday, February 16.
- All libraries, including AAMLO and the Tool Lending Library, will be open on Saturday, February 14.
- The Main Library will be open during regular hours on Sunday, February 15.
- Normal operating hours will resume on Tuesday, February 17.

Oakland Animal Shelter

- The Oakland Animal Shelter will be **CLOSED** on Friday, February 13.
- The shelter will be **OPEN** during normal business hours for the remainder of the days between Thursday, February 12 to Monday, February 16.

Remaining Business Closure Days for 2009

A total of thirteen business closure days were approved in the revised budget. The City will suspend administrative and other City services one to two days per month, for a total of six additional days, for the remainder of the fiscal year, through June 30, 2009. In an attempt to minimize impacts on both employees and residents, the remaining business closure dates will take place, whenever possible, around official City holidays and have been scheduled as follows:

- **Friday, March 13, 2009**
- **Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10, 2009**
- **Friday, May 22, 2009** (Monday, May 25 is Memorial Day)
- **Friday, June 5 and Friday, June 19, 2009**

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