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**MAYOR DELLUMS AND THE CITY OF OAKLAND ANNOUNCE
TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT**

*Settlement Provides Nearly \$5 Million in Service for Oakland Residents
Following Interruption in Service in July 2007*

OAKLAND, CA — Mayor Ron Dellums, joined by members of the Oakland City Council, the City Attorney's Office, and the Public Works Agency, announced a tentative settlement package in lieu of liquidated damages with Waste Management of Alameda County (WMAC). The package includes \$4.86 million worth of services for Oakland residents who were inconvenienced by the unfortunate interruption in service last July.

"The City of Oakland has once again come together for the benefit of our residents," said Mayor Dellums. "This settlement helps us move forward in the greening of Oakland by improving residential recycling, encouraging waste reduction, and fighting illegal dumping."

"This agreement is the continuation of our long-standing partnership between the City of Oakland and Waste Management of Alameda County, as we work together to bring about the Mayor's vision of making the city of Oakland a model City, thru enhanced services and programs to Keep Oakland Beautiful, Clean and Green," said James Devlin, Area Vice President Waste Management.

As part of the public process, the City Council will hear the item on March 18th for full approval of the package.

"I'm happy that we reached a good settlement for the residents and business owners of Oakland, and that we don't have to resort to long and costly litigation," City Attorney John Russo said. "Now the City can rebuild a positive relationship with Waste Management and focus on improved trash and recycling services in Oakland."

"These added services will help Oakland reach our goal of 75 percent diversion from the landfill by 2010 and Zero Waste by 2020," according to Council President Pro Tem Jean Quan, who also chairs the Alameda County Recycling Board.

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The majority of the agreed upon services target illegal dumping and provide for enhance recycling and beautification activities for the five remaining years of the City's agreement with WMAC. The services include:

Programs and Services to Reduce Illegal Dumping and to Enhance "Greening" Oakland

- Augment City's illegal dumping collection program
- Annual amnesty collection days for tires, appliances and mattresses
- Twice-a-year bulky residential service: second collection for the first 500 call-ins
- Label City street litter containers for inventory purposes, maintenance, and collection
- 200 yards of finished compost annually for City and community projects

Enhanced Residential Recycling Services

- Add plastic containers (#2, #4 & #5) like yogurt and margarine tubs to the residential recycling program
- Provide curbside household battery (like AA, C, 9 volt) collection
- *Establish* rate for green-waste collection service at multi-family buildings

Public Education

- Consumer campaigns on waste reduction and Zero Waste

"Our agency has been focusing efforts on stopping illegal dumping and this agreement takes a major step in assisting that effort, as well as increasing recycling for all residents," stated Public Works Agency Director Raul Godinez II.

Adding WMAC's billing rebate to residential customers for July 2007 (\$3.03 million) the total value of WMAC's compensation to Oakland is valued by WMAC at approximately \$7.89 million. Also, WMAC has agreed to pay compensatory damages to the City in the sum of \$337,221, to cover the City's out-of-pocket expenses incurred due to the lockout.

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