



Mayor's Summer Jobs Program Begins Job Placement Process

OAKLAND – June 13, 2008 -On Saturday, the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program in Oakland will continue the process of providing opportunities for youth in the city's job market.

In April, Mayor Ron Dellums today kicked-off the annual campaign to provide quality summer jobs for Oakland's young people between the ages of 16-21. On Saturday many of those same youth will be interviewed and placed in full and part-time positions throughout the city.

"Providing jobs for youth offers valuable work and life skills training that will carry over into their school performance and beyond," said Mayor Dellums. "Even in a very difficult job market and economy, we have been very impressed with number of interested applicants and the many business owners who share our goal of building our local workforce and keeping young Oakland residents busy and well-trained this summer."

For many young people, these summer jobs are their first workplace experience; exposing them to challenges, opportunities, and the many lessons required to succeed in the business world. The program has received over 1100 applications and expects to hire over 800, with the bulk of those young people being placed into full and part-time work in areas such as: multi-media, medical, animal care, education, food service, retail and environmental.

This emphasis behind this summer program is the latest in a series of events Mayor Dellums has sponsored with a focus on workforce development. Recently, Mayor Dellums hired a reentry employment specialist to engage persons reentering Oakland from correctional facilities. In addition, since January, the mayor has hosted several community job fairs to help residents identify jobs and also a job-readiness fair to ensure that residents looking for jobs have the resources and information necessary to be successful.

What: Interviews and Placement of MSJP Applicants

When: Saturday, June 14, 2008 – 10 a.m.

**Where: Youth Employment Partnership
2300 International Blvd., Oakland, CA.**

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