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**AS PART OF ADOPTED BUDGET, MAYOR ANNOUNCES
FIRST OF 13 “BUSINESS SHUTDOWNS”**

City of Oakland Closes for Business the Day Before Thanksgiving

OAKLAND – Mayor Ron Dellums announced today that the City of Oakland will close for business Wednesday, November 26, 2008 - the day before Thanksgiving. This is the first of 13 shutdown days approved by the Oakland City Council during the October 21, 2008, budget adoption.

Mayor Dellums said: “Our nation is facing one of the most severe economic crises in our history. In this context, 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 once-a-week, instead of laying off employees. These are hard, painful choices that require a delicate balance between the need to protect jobs and maintain vital services against the reality that we must cut spending to live within our means.”

By cutting permanent positions and increasing revenues, the City of Oakland has minimized the number of closure days to a total thirteen through the end of the fiscal year (June 30). In an attempt to minimize impacts on both employees and residents, the first closure will take place the day before Thanksgiving.

City employees affected by this shutdown will not receive pay. The shutdown exempts essential public safety and emergency services. City libraries will be closed but will resume operations on the next scheduled regular day, which for most will be Saturday, November 29. Street sweeping and parking meter schedules will remain unchanged. The Museum will stay on its current schedule. Recreation facilities will generally be closed. For a complete list of City facilities affected by this closure, go to www.oaklandnet.com.

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