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"This is a democracy, and to the extent that we can respond to the will of the people, we need to do that"



- Mayor Ron Dellums

Dear Residents,

I am pleased to report that the Police Recruitment Plan submitted by my office and the Oakland Police Department was unanimously approved by the City Council. This will further our collective commitment to realizing the vision and intent of Measure Y and help to bring peace to our streets.



Additionally, I am happy to report that we held a very successful community job fair which drew over 500 Oakland residents, and gave local employers an opportunity to meet face-to-face with prospective applicants. Also, the City of Oakland was awarded one of the competitive CalGrip grants from Governor Schwarzenegger's office, which will give the city and county some of the much-needed resources to implement sustainable crime prevention and intervention programs. Finally, the City is happy to announce that a tentative agreement with Waste Management was reached that will provide expanded services for Oakland residents.

Please see below for more details, and thank you for your continued engagement.

Respectfully,

Mayor Ronald V. Dellums

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Mayor Dellums & City of Oakland Announce Tentative Settlement with Waste Management

March 11, 2008 - Mayor Ron Dellums, joined by members of the Oakland City Council, 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 in services for Oakland residents who were inconvenienced by the 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 will help us move forward in the greening of Oakland by improving residential recycling, encouraging waste reduction, and fighting illegal dumping."

In addition to WMAC's billing rebate to residential customers for July 2007 (\$3.03 million) the majority of the services agreed upon target illegal dumping and beautification activities for the remaining term of five years. These services include: services to reduce illegal dumping; enhanced residential recycling services; and promotion / publicity/ public education on consumer campaigns on waste reduction and zero waste.

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

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JOBS FOR OAKLAND: A Community Job Fair Co- Hosted by Mayor Dellums

On Saturday, March 8th, Mayor Ron Dellums partnered with [Youth UpRising](#), the [Ella Baker Center](#), and the [Alameda Labor Council](#) to host "Jobs for Oakland: A Community Job Fair." The free event served as an opportunity for interested job seekers to meet employers and learn about employment opportunities through unions, apprenticeships and training programs. This is the fourth employment-related event that the Mayor's Office has helped to coordinate since September 2007.

"The Labor Department reported that 63,000 jobs were lost nationwide in February, the greatest number of employees displaced since March 2003," said Mayor Dellums. "In times like these, it is the responsibility of city government, business and community leaders to seek alternative ways to grow our workforce."

Over 35 employers were on hand including: Bank of America; AC Transit; Kaiser Permanente; and UPS. In addition to the nearly 100 volunteers, a total of 16 service providers were also on-site to tackle issues which often prevent individuals from seeking or sustaining quality employment.

***CalGRIP* Grants to Bolster Mayor's Public Safety Efforts**

On Friday, March 7, Mayor Dellums joined representatives from the Governor Schwarzenegger's Office of Gang and Youth



Violence Policy, the [California Labor and Workforce Development Agency](#), Councilmember Jean Quan, and Oakland Police Chief Wayne Tucker at a press conference to announce and discuss the grants awarded through the California Gang Reductions, Intervention and Prevention Initiative ([CalGRIP](#)).

Alameda County and the City of Oakland will receive \$800,000 dollars from the initiative. Matching money will bring the total to \$1.4 million dollars. The money will be split among law enforcement and community groups. The funds will enable the implementation of one gang prevention officer, one parole officer, and provide additional resources for *Project Re-Connect* to offer classes aimed at helping parents keep young people out of gangs.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 2008 AUGMENTED POLICE RECRUITMENT PLAN



The 2008 Augmented Police Recruitment Program was unanimously approved by the City Council on March 4.

The [plan](#) proposed by Mayor Ron Dellums, in collaboration with Police Chief Wayne Tucker, the [Oakland Police Department](#), the City Administrator's office, the city's Office of Personnel, and other city departments, will further the city's efforts to bring the department to its authorized strength of 803 officers by year's end - finally achieving the augmented policing services envisioned by the 2004 voter approved [Measure Y](#).

"This is a critical issue," said Mayor Dellums. "I am optimistic that the City Council and City staff will continue to

work together in the best interest of Oakland residents. I appreciate the City Council's diligence over the years to address the issue of police staffing and I am confident that this plan will allow us to achieve our goal of reaching 803 police officers by the end of the year."