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## **MAYOR DELLUMS ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES**

*Names New Chief of Staff & Executive Assistant*

**Oakland, CA** — Mayor Ron Dellums today announced Marisol Lopez as his new Chief of Staff, replacing David Chai. Mayor Dellums also announced today that Trina Barton has been promoted to Executive Assistant.

“Marisol Lopez is one of the most capable leaders I’ve ever had the pleasure to work with,” said Mayor Dellums. “She began as my Executive Assistant and did an extraordinary job in that capacity. She demonstrated her ability as a hands-on manager who knows how to motivate staff. Based upon that, I promoted her to Chief of Staff. Her integrity and commitment to Oakland make her extremely well-positioned for this important role in my office.”

Trina Barton will replace Lopez as Executive Assistant to the Mayor. “Trina has demonstrated her tremendous capabilities, her diligence and her commitment to the community. She is hardworking and extremely dedicated,” said Mayor Dellums.

“This team has worked extremely well together in their previous capacities and will continue to serve the city well, as we move forward,” said Mayor Dellums. “I thank David Chai for his service to the City of Oakland. I will always be deeply appreciative for his strategic mind and his contributions in helping make this city a better place to work and live. I wish him the best of luck as he pursues another opportunity.”

### Bio Information on Ms. Lopez

Lopez moved to Oakland when she was three months old. She graduated from Oakland Technical High School in 1996 and went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts in American Studies: Urban Economic Development and Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley. Upon graduation she went to work in the corporate sector for Sanrio Company, Ltd., a Tokyo based company with distribution throughout Japan and Southeast Asia, the Americas and Europe. She headed Sanrio’s sales in Central America via Sanrio, Inc., headquartered in South San Francisco, California. Her political career started when she joined the Dellums campaign. During the mayoral transition, Marisol was appointed Co-convener of the Community Task Force on Youth Issues where she led efforts in proposing policy recommendations on a range of topics. After the transition, Marisol joined the Dellums Administration as the Mayor’s Executive Assistant handling scheduling, community relations and other matters of high importance.

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