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**City of Oakland Convenes Building Services Improvements  
Advisory Task Force**

*Oakland, CA* —To ensure that community residents and other stakeholders are involved in efforts to transform City of Oakland Building Services programs and operations, at the request of the City Council, Council President Larry Reid created an advisory Task Force to provide the Council with advice and feedback. The Task Force is charged with providing feedback on proposed new procedures and program design for a comprehensive report on Building Services priority improvements to the City Council. This staff report is anticipated for a Council meeting in Spring 2012.

The Task Force consists of twelve members. The Mayor and City Council members each appointed one member (for a total of nine), with the remaining three appointed by the City Administrator in order to ensure that the Task Force as a whole reflects the balance of perspectives and the overall breadth of experience needed.

The Task Force members are as follows:

Ms. Anne Bruff  
Mr. Curtis Caton  
Ms. Donna Gianoulis  
Mr. C. Joseph Keffer  
Ms. Ellen Lynch  
Ms. Sherry L. Niswander

Ms. Michelle Cassens  
Mr. Alan Dones  
Mr. Ken Houston  
Ms. Lynette Jung Lee  
Rev. Dr. Valerie Miles-Tribble  
Ms. Patricia C. Zamora

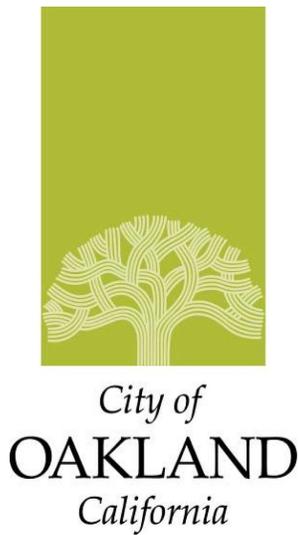
Mr. Alan Dones was selected by Council President Larry Reid as chair of the Task Force. States Council President Reid, “On behalf of the City of Oakland, I am deeply grateful to the Task Force members for their willingness to assist the City as we improve our services and operations.”

“The transformation of our code enforcement operations has been a top priority for me since my first 30 days as the new City Administrator. It is of utmost importance to me that the City changes its operations in Building Services to provide the highest standards of care and service that Oakland residents deserve,” states City Administrator Deanna Santana.

All Task Force meetings are open to the public; meeting information can be accessed at <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/CEDA/o/BuildingServices/OAK033369>. The Task Force held an orientation meeting for its members on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Future meetings include the following:

February 29, 2012, 4-8 pm, Hearing Room 3 – Program Design  
March 14, 2012, 4-8 pm, Hearing Room 2 – Procedures  
[March 21, 2012 – General Discussion (Tentative)]

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