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MAYOR DELLUMS APPOINTED TO SPECIAL U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS WORKING GROUP ON THE ECONOMY

One of 24 Mayors to Serve on the “MainStreet Economic Recovery Plan” Working Group

OAKLAND – Mayor Ron Dellums today was appointed to serve on a special United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) Working Group on the MainStreet Economic Recovery Plan, which will look at crafting and advocating for a national package that will create jobs and rebuild the nation’s crumbling infrastructure.

“I am very proud to serve in this capacity,” said Mayor Dellums. “The negative economic impacts in Washington undoubtedly affect our nation’s urban areas. When the cities of America speak with one voice, with a common goal, our national leaders have no choice other than to take heed. I look forward to participating in this Working Group and further advocating on behalf of Oakland residents. Whether the experts want to acknowledge it or not, we have been in a recession for nearly a year. It is past time to put forth a national economic package that will provide our community with jobs and the necessary resources to move our cities forward.”

The USCM’s focus has been on using existing funding mechanisms that can get money out quickly like CDBG, the Energy Block Grant, and the Surface Transportation Program – and making sure that funding comes directly to cities and does not get stuck in state bureaucracies.

In a letter to Mayor Dellums, USCM President and Mayor of Miami, Manuel Diaz said: “While we have made good progress, we have not received any commitments that our package will be the basis for the massive Economic Recovery Plan that President Obama and Congress want to create 2.5 million jobs over two years. We have been told in our meetings in Washington that things are going to move quickly, so we must continue and strengthen our call for a MainStreet plan that supports our nation’s metro economies.”

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