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MAYOR DELLUMS ANNOUNCES NEW PORT COMMISSIONERS

Oakland – October 3, 2007 – Mayor Ron Dellums' two Port Commission appointments were approved by the Oakland City Council late Tuesday evening.

Margaret Gordon was approved by a 7-1 vote, while Victor Uno was approved unanimously.

“Both Margaret Gordon and Victor Uno embody my sincere interest in addressing the critical and wide-ranging issues facing our City’s port,” said Mayor Dellums. “The overall success of the Port is a key component of the Model City vision, and I commend the Council for recognizing the importance of appointing individuals who are capable of understanding both the economic and the environmental impact of the various Port facilities.”

The Port Commission consists of seven members nominated by the Mayor and approved by the City Council for four year terms. Members of the Commission serve without salary or compensation. The Commission oversees the 19 miles of waterfront on the eastern shore of San Francisco Bay, with about 900 acres devoted to maritime activities and another 2,600 acres devoted to aviation activities.

Over the last decade, Gordon, a West Oakland resident, has become a strong public health and environmental advocate for her West Oakland community, meanwhile gaining regional and statewide respect for her knowledge of port issues. She is one of the founding members of the Environmental Indicators Project, and in 2006 Gordon was a presenter at a Port-related conference concerned with trucking, shipping, and logistics sponsored by the Intermodal Maritime Association.

In 2007, Margaret Gordon became co-Chair of the Port of Oakland & Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Maritime Air Quality Improvement Plan.

Victor Uno, who is currently a National Board Member for the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO, and the Business Manager for the International Brotherhood Electrical Workers Local 595, began his career 25 years ago installing new rail lines, lights and power along one of the Port of Oakland berths. Uno brings to the Port Commission an extensive labor background, having previously initiated apprenticeship programs to train future skilled craftspeople and before that was a Facilities Department Electrician at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (1989-1999).

Expressing the enormous responsibility of ratifying Port Commission appointments, City Council President Ignacio De La Fuente said, “Mr. Uno and Ms. Gordon have the confidence and the recommendation of the Mayor. They understand the challenges facing the Port and the opportunities for growth. I want to support the Mayor's recommendation and continue to work with him on issues that impact the citizens of Oakland.”

Councilmember Nancy Nadel (D-3) said, “Both Margaret and Victor have a deep commitment to social equity, environmental enhancement, and economic prosperity and they will use that commitment to make Oakland's port an exemplary part of our sustainable city vision.”

Gordon and Uno are scheduled to attend their first Port Commission meeting October 16.

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