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## **MAYOR DELLUMS HOSTS FORUM TO SUPPORT EMPLOYMENT OF THE FORMERLY INCARCERATED**

*Businesses Learn How to Reduce Labor Costs While Creating a Safer Oakland*

**Oakland** - Mayor Ron Dellums, in collaboration with the Community Re-Entry Services Providers Network – a group of agencies and individuals working to support the formerly incarcerated – is hosting an “Employer Information Forum – Reducing Labor Costs While Creating a Safer Oakland” tomorrow, June 4, 2009. Mayor Dellums to give welcoming remarks. Testimonials will be provided from employees and employers.

“As our community faces the challenge of an unprecedented economic downturn, we want to support Oakland business that can provide jobs by hosting a dedicated forum to put our residents into high quality, high paying jobs,” said Mayor Dellums. “My top priority as mayor has been public safety and I believe we must put forth comprehensive strategies that get to the root causes of crime and violence. One strategy includes the hiring of good people who happen to be formerly incarcerated.”

This forum will provide businesses with information designed to help remove the obstacles to hiring formerly incarcerated individuals, such as tax incentives, on-the-job training funds, free bonding services and subsidized wage structures, while helping employers contribute to a safer Oakland. For more information, businesses can contact Mr. Charles Turner at (510) 768-4485 or Mr. Isaac Taggart at (510) 238-6905.

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 4, 2009  
10am to 1pm

**WHERE:** Lake Merritt Garden Center  
666 Bellevue Avenue, Oakland

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**For more information on Mayor Ron Dellums and the City of Oakland, please visit and bookmark the following Web accounts:**

 : <http://www.youtube.com/ronalddellums>

 : <http://www.facebook.com> “Mayor Ronald V. Dellums”

 : <http://www.myweb.com/rondellums>

  
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