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OAKLAND RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP 10 GREENEST CITIES IN THE NATION BY THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL AND MOTHER NATURE NETWORK

City Hall and City Administrative Buildings Certified as "Green"

OAKLAND – Mayor Ron Dellums today announced that the City of Oakland continues to garner recognition as a national leader in the movement towards a cleaner and more sustainable environment. Oakland has been ranked as the 4th greenest city in the nation by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) on its “Smarter Cities” list and by Mother Nature Network on its list of the nation’s Top 10 Greenest Cities.

“I am proud to say that Oakland has become a model for the nation in terms of greening a city,” Mayor Dellums said. “While addressing the challenges of global warming and environmental protection through smart planning, sustainable development, green jobs, easy access to transit, and healthy green homes and offices, Oakland has become a green leader.”

Several key factors are typically used to measure the green attributes of cities, such as carbon footprint reduction, air and water quality, efficiency of recycling and waste management, use of renewable energy sources, and degree of access to green lifestyle choices such as local organic foods and clean transportation options.

Mayor Dellums attributes Oakland’s environmental success to a four-fold strategy:

- **Growing the Green Economy** by attracting the emerging field of green businesses and jobs;
- **Creating Green Opportunities** by training residents to secure and succeed in green jobs;
- **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions** by increasing energy efficiency; shifting to clean, renewable energy sources; and achieving our zero-waste goals;
- **Ensuring a Green, Safe, Healthy Environment** for all residents and visitors.

GREEN CITY HALL

Oakland’s greening efforts continue to move forward. Mayor Dellums also announced today that the City of Oakland’s Administrative Complex – including City Hall, the Wilson Building, the Dalziel Building, and Frank H. Ogawa Plaza – has been certified as a Green Business by Alameda County.

Among the City of Oakland’s policies and programs recognized by Alameda County are: an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy; an Integrated Pest Management program to minimize the use of toxic pesticides; recycling of batteries and electronic waste; regular Spare

the Air alerts; support for commuting by bicycle or mass transit; use of non-toxic cleaning supplies; and implementation of Bay Friendly Landscaping practices. The City of Oakland is also credited with installing various devices that reduce energy and water usage, such as occupancy sensors for lights, high-efficiency heating and ventilating equipment, and low-flow plumbing fixtures.

For more information about Mother Nature Network and their rankings, please visit:

<http://mnn.com/lifestyle/travel/photos/top-10-green-us-cities/12466>

For more information regarding the NRDC's Smarter Cities list, please visit:

<http://smartercities.nrdc.org/rankings/large>

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