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**MAYOR DELLUMS HOSTS FAITH LEADERS SUMMIT ON HIV, CANCER, HEALTH
AND WELLNESS**

OAKLAND - On Thursday, June 4, Mayor Dellums will participate in the second Faith Leaders Summit on HIV, Cancer, Health and Wellness. The summit will take place at the Oakland Marriott City Center and will serve as an important opportunity to raise awareness and educate community area residents of the vital health concerns facing our city. Mayor Dellums will make opening remarks. Dr. Shirley Lampkin, from the University of California, San Francisco will moderate. The Summit, hosted by *Get Screened Oakland (GSO)*, seeks to provide Oakland faith leaders with up-to-date information to strengthen the health and well-being of their congregations, parishioners, and community members.

When Mayor Dellums launched *GSO* in June 2007, Oakland became the first city on the west coast and the second city in the United States to undertake a citywide screening effort. The campaign aims to ensure that all Oakland residents - ages 13 to 64 - are screened for HIV. Since the launch of *GSO*, there has been a 20 percent increase in testing, countywide.

This citywide initiative connects people to care and treatment and has gone a long way in coordinating medical and community resources to sustain an on-going HIV screening program. The U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now estimate that more than 1 million people in the United States are living with HIV, and an estimated 25 percent do not know they are infected.

Where: Oakland Marriott City Center

1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA

When: Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 9:15 a.m.

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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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