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**MAYOR DELLUMS CALLED TO WHITE HOUSE TO DISCUSS  
ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE**

*Mayor Stresses Public-Private Partnerships; Refers to Partnership with California as  
Model for Nation*

**OAKLAND** – At the request of President Barack Obama, Mayor Ron Dellums today joined other key mayors from across the country to discuss the economic stimulus package at the White House.

The mayor emphasized the value of public-private partnerships and highlighted Oakland's bipartisan collaboration with the State of California. This partnership will identify areas in Oakland and saturate those communities with much-needed resources. Mayor Dellums believes that this partnership can be a model for the nation and that Oakland is prepared to step up and accept the responsibility of showcasing what can be done when organizations and governments partner with one another.

Mayor Dellums said: "As our nation enters into the implementation process of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, there has never been a more important time to aggressively advocate and partner for much-needed funds and resources for our community. Oakland has already developed key public-private partnerships and I firmly believe that our work can be a model for the nation."

Mayor Dellums and other mayors met with members of the president's cabinet, including Attorney General Eric H. Holder, Jr., Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Energy Secretary, Dr. Steven Chu, Education Secretary Arne Duncan and White House senior staff. The mayors then met with President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

Key points the mayor felt were important to make:

1. In moving the stimulus package forward, the federal government must move as quickly as possible to get these resources into cities like Oakland. Cities are prepared to move and can create jobs and stimulate the national economy faster than other levels of government.

2. Virtually every city in America has had no choice but to cut back essential city services, making it challenging to stay afloat, yet alone solve systemic problems. We must identify several model areas throughout the country and saturate those areas with resources from the stimulus package, the president's discretionary funds and from other federal agencies. This would allow our cities to quickly find answers to address the economic development woes of this country.
3. We must all work to forge unprecedented collaborations from the federal, state and local governments, as well as public-private partnerships. Cities or geographic areas throughout the country should be chosen to serve as a model for these partnerships. Oakland is uniquely positioned and prepared to serve in such a capacity.

While the White House has estimated that 396,000 jobs would be created in California as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Mayor Dellums and other members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) will continue working with the president to most efficiently implement this legislation.

Already the Chair of the USCM's Community Development and Housing committee, Mayor Dellums was recently appointed to serve on the special USCM's Working Group MainStreet Economic Recovery Plan This plan looked at crafting and advocating for a national package that would create jobs and rebuild the nation's crumbling infrastructure. The MainStreet Economic Recovery Plan identified specific projects in Oakland, including: an Oakland Airport Parking Garage project (creates approx. 120 jobs), expand, relocate and upgrade 17 city libraries (180 jobs), and purchasing and rehabilitating foreclosed properties as an initial element of a broader Oakland-based community land trust (240 jobs).

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