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**MAYOR DELLUMS ACCEPTS NOMINATIONS
FOR 2009 WOMEN OF GREATNESS AWARDS**

Mayor to Present Awards During Summit On Women

OAKLAND – Mayor Ron Dellums today announced that nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 Women of Greatness recognition awards. Mayor Dellums will present awards at a ceremony during the Model City Summit on Women held Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at the Oakland Marriott City Center.

“The first Annual Women of Greatness Awards are established to recognize individual women for their exceptional contributions within the Bay Area region,” said Mayor Dellums.

“Historically, the women of Oakland and the greater Bay Area have been great contributors to our society and it gives us great pleasure to present this award to honor the women that impact our lives on a daily basis.”

Summit co-chairs Mayor Dellums, First Lady Cynthia Dellums and the 2009 Women of Greatness Nomination Committee will select up to 10 women to be awarded this honor. The inaugural Summit on Women in February will feature unique workshops, a corporate luncheon, a Women’s Village Marketplace, and special guest speakers to enlighten, empower and engage women and families of Oakland and the greater Bay Area.

Nominees will have:

- Demonstrated civic leadership at the community, city, district, state and/or national level;
- Demonstrated service and contributions to the advancement of women & families;
- Demonstrated commitment to the values that promote the spirit of cooperation/collaboration within the community.

The Women of Greatness Awards are given for a particular body of work or for the sum of a nominee’s achievements to recognize individual women for their exceptional contributions, especially within the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano and San Francisco. Individuals may nominate themselves or another woman. Each nomination must be submitted on the official Nomination Form, which can be found at www.mayorrondellums.org or attached to this email. Nominations must be received by December 1, 2008. Announcements will be made on December 15, 2008. Please respond via email to ljones@oaklandnet.com or fax the materials to (510) 238.4731.

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