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**MAYOR RON DELLUMS, THE OAKLAND A'S AND THE ELLA BAKER CENTER  
FOR HUMAN RIGHTS TEAM UP TO SILENCE THE VIOLENCE**

*Quality Job Opportunities to be Provided at Job Fair, while Bay Area Hip-Hop Legend Too Short, A's Players and Coaches, and Other Human Rights Activists Call for Peace*

**OAKLAND** - Mayor Ron Dellums will join the Oakland Athletics and Ella Baker Center tonight for the 3rd Annual "Silence the Violence Day with the Oakland A's" event and baseball game to help promote peace and opportunity on the streets of Oakland.

Last night's homicides and shootings demonstrate the urgent need to silence the violence through job training, community engagement and a comprehensive public safety strategy. "We must come together as a community to bring peace to our streets, as crime and violence have plagued our neighborhoods for too long," said Mayor Dellums. "Silence the Violence has proven that everyone has a role to play in creating a more peaceful city for our young men and women to grow and prosper. For the third year in a row, the Oakland A's and Ella Baker Center have partnered to raise awareness to this critical issue, together showing that if we hope to bring peace to our streets, we must expand opportunities for work, recreation and community involvement for our young people."

**The event kicks off at 5:30 PM with the Job & Resource Fair/Silence the Violence Tailgate BBQ for area youth, taking place in the K Lot of the Coliseum parking lot.** The Job Fair will allow those searching for a job to meet with employers, such as Wells Fargo, Union Apprenticeship Programs, Oakland Fire Department, UPS and more. Free food will be provided.

"This is an important event for the City Of Oakland where local officials, community based organizations and sports figures are coming together to promote peace and opportunity," said Jakada Imani, Executive Director of The Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, "This is an example of what it takes to help silence the violence in Oakland."

Scheduled to appear on the field during batting practice are Mayor Dellums, Bay Area hip-hop legend Too Short, and Mr. Imani. A moment of silence will be observed in honor of those lost to violence before the 7:05 start of the evening's game between the Oakland A's and the Tampa Bay Rays. 2,500 donated tickets will be given away to youth, community organizations, and neighborhood leaders of Oakland. Throughout the game, the Silence The Violence street team will be on hand to educate fans about how they can each help bring peace to Oakland's streets.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, August 13th  
5:30 PM - game end

**WHERE:** McAfee Coliseum  
Oakland, CA

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### **Additional ways Mayor Dellums is working to provide more jobs in Oakland:**

- Mayor Dellums has hosted several **job fairs** since being in office, allowing employers in need of capable individuals and potential employees to come together and create opportunities that may not have existed.
- The mayor has created thousands of jobs for youth as part of his **Summer Jobs Program**.
- Mayor Dellums has hired a **re-entry specialist** to work with individuals who were formerly incarcerated to help this community find jobs within the city.
- In forming the **Oakland Partnership**, the mayor has made a commitment to provide 10,000 jobs within the next five years for Oakland residents.

### **Some key components of the mayor's comprehensive public safety strategy:**

- Working with the Oakland Police Department to bring in volunteer groups, such as the Guardian Angels to help combat takeover robberies in commercial districts.
- Recently, the mayor deployed **20 outreach workers** to the streets who are addressing street level violence by connecting high risk individuals with opportunities to get out of street life.
- As police staff increases, the mayor is working to efficiently incorporate them into the new **Geographic Accountability Model**, which is a step towards community policing, because it allows officers to cover one beat so they can get to know that neighborhood and stop violence before it happens.
- The mayor pushed a proposal through the City Council which would increase the number of **police officers beyond 803**. Oakland has a multi-million dollar deficit and the only way to provide more officers in a responsible way is through a parcel tax. This proposal will go onto the November ballot. For more information, go to [www.mayorrondellums.org](http://www.mayorrondellums.org).
- Forming a partnership with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to allow **California Highway Patrol Officers** to assist OPD in fighting crime.
- Addressing the **root causes of crime and violence** by providing more and better jobs, more youth services and a better education. Since September 2007, Mayor Dellums has sponsored and co-sponsored six community job fairs and job readiness workshops.

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