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**MAYOR DELLUMS KICKS-OFF**  
**YOUTH SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM 2008**  
*Mayor Invites Business to Help Provide Jobs for Youth*

**OAKLAND** – Mayor Ron Dellums today kicked-off a campaign to provide quality summer jobs for Oakland’s young people. The Mayor’s Summer Job Program is a collaboration that brings together the Youth Employment Partnership (YEP), Scotlan Center and Youth UpRising to make an investment in Oakland’s future workforce by providing opportunities for youth in the city’s job market. The mayor urges young Oakland residents (ages 14 to 21) to submit an application prior to the June 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.

“Providing jobs for youth offers valuable work and life skills training that will carry over into their school performance and beyond,” said Mayor Dellums. “My office will look to eclipse the success we had last year by enrolling local employers and interested applicants into this summer program aimed at building our workforce and keeping young Oakland residents busy and well-trained this summer. I’ve invited the business sector to participate in these efforts and I believe our strong partnership will provide a quality service to young people during the summer months.”

The Mayor’s Summer Job Program provides young people with full and part-time work in areas, such as: multi-media, medical, animal care, education, food service, and environmental. Applications and program information are available at the hubs below, on the mayor’s Web site ([www.mayorrondellums.org](http://www.mayorrondellums.org)), or by calling the YEP at (510) 533-3447. Completed applications can be returned to any three hubs throughout the city, including:

**Citywide Hub:**  
YEP  
2300 International Blvd.  
(510) 533 3447

**West Oakland Hub:**  
Scotlan Center  
1324 Adeline  
(510)290 2235

**East Oakland Hub:**  
Youth UpRising  
8711 MacArthur Blvd  
(510) 777-9909

“Providing meaningful summer employment opportunities for Oakland's youth is the most effective violence prevention strategy. These jobs, the first exposure to the work force for most, allow us to shape their notions of working for a lifetime,” said Olis Simmons, executive director of Youth Uprising.

Today’s announcement is the latest in a continuous focus on employment by Mayor Dellums. Recently, Mayor Dellums hired a reentry employment specialist to engage persons reentering Oakland from correctional facilities. On March 8, the mayor hosted a community job fair in East Oakland to help residents identify jobs. On February 23, Mayor Dellums hosted a job-readiness fair to ensure that residents looking for jobs have the resources and information necessary to be successful.

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