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MAYOR DELLUMS GETS COMMITMENT FROM GOVERNOR TO EXTEND CHP PROGRAM

OAKLAND – During a budget discussion between area elected officials and community representatives, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger agreed to Mayor Ron Dellums’ request for the state to extend California Highway Patrol deployment on Oakland streets. The request came as the first year of the program comes to a close.

Speaking to Governor Schwarzenegger at the end of his opening remarks, Mayor Dellums said, “Back in August when we had a spike in crime and violence here in Oakland. I got on the phone and called you and asked you to help us by deploying CHP personnel here in Oakland and within hours your people were here working out a relationship.” He asked: “I’d like to ask if you would extend that agreement, because we very much need it.”

Governor Schwarzenegger stated that this program was very successful and he was happy to look at it again, in a continued effort in working with Oakland to fight overall crime and gang activity. The governor stated: “Mayor Dellums always fights for his city ... just so you know I always have a difficult time turning you (Mayor Dellums) down.”

Moments before the meeting adjourned, Governor Schwarzenegger announced that the CHP deployment in Oakland was approved.

In a letter sent today to CHP Chief T. M. Becher, requesting the extension of the program, Oakland Police Department Chief Wayne Tucker highlighted the effectiveness of the initiative, writing: “As you are aware, the City of Oakland continues to confront serious gang-related crime and traffic safety problems, including reckless driving, exhibitions of speed, unlicensed operation, driving under the influence, street racing, and an unacceptable rate of hit and run collisions. The assistance the City has received from the CHP’s Oakland Office ... over the last 10 months has been instrumental in keeping Oakland’s crime rate from escalating.” Pursuant to Mayor Dellums bold request today, this is now a fete accompli.

Since February of 2008, CHP has made more than 2,000 traffic stops, issued nearly 2,000 citations, assisted the Oakland Police Department on nearly 300 incidents, and dealt with nearly 100 DUI cases.

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