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## **STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR REGARDING CHAUNCEY BAILEY INVESTIGATION:**

**Oakland, CA – October 28, 2008** – Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums said:

“While all homicides in our city are tragic, the murder of a working journalist in broad daylight is an extraordinary criminal act deserving the highest level of investigative resources and the highest degree of public scrutiny. For this reason, I have asked the California State Attorney General to conduct an independent investigation into the Oakland Police Department’s handling of the Chauncey Bailey murder investigation. In addition, I have asked that a retired judge or expert in criminal investigations participate in the process to further enhance the objectivity of this investigation.

“This is not meant to call into question the integrity of any officer involved in the homicide investigation, nor is it meant to cast doubt on our own internal affairs investigation, which will run concurrently with the Attorney General’s efforts. While I respect and appreciate the great work of the men and women at OPD, the residents of Oakland deserve to know that this investigation is being conducted with the utmost transparency, openness and integrity.”

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