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STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR RE:
BAY AREA WOMEN AGAINST RAPE'S "VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK" RALLY

OAKLAND –Oakland Police Department's Special Victims Unit (SVU) has brought on three new Officers in an effort to address the staffing deficiencies that have resulted in 1,800 open sexual assault cases. Mayor Ron Dellums, in collaboration with OPD, responded immediately to provide additional support for SVU once the issue came to light. Meanwhile, the mayor's comprehensive recruitment strategy will bring Oakland's police department to full staff by the end of the year.

“Acknowledging the horrific pain suffered by the victims and the families of victims is crucial to facilitating the healing process. Victims Rights Week allows us to reflect and to commensurate with those victims across the country, who are working to repair their lives with very little assistance. We all deserve a life of dignity, security, and peace. This week is about connecting our humanity together and supporting those among us who have needlessly been violated by others. I thank Bay Area Women Against Rape for organizing this event and highlighting our local challenges. I am working diligently with OPD to bring resolution to the backlog of sex assault cases. I will work tirelessly with OPD to apprehend the assailants and bring peace of mind to our anguishing victims.”

In light of the violence and crime that has plagued our communities, Mayor Dellums has expressed sadness and has been working closely with Chief Tucker to continue to deploy officers into crime areas. Meanwhile his heart goes out to the families who have been victimized by the reckless and insensitive acts of violence.

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