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STATEMENT FROM THE MAYOR RE:
PORT OF OAKLAND AND PORT COMMISSION'S VOTE ON MAJOR
MARITIME AIR QUALITY POLICY:

Oakland, CA – March 19, 2008 – Last night, the Port of Oakland and the Oakland Board of Port Commissioners voted on a set of principles, goals and early actions aligned with the shared vision between the City of Oakland and its community partners. The plan is designed to achieve an 85 percent reduction of health risks associated with seaport diesel particulate matter.

“I am extremely pleased that we are moving forward on a plan that is in line with the will of the community. Working with our community partners, I believe we will meet our 85 percent risk reduction goal by focusing on trucks and ships, which we believe are the biggest contributors to health risk. This comprehensive plan will reduce emissions, improve traffic flow and service, enhance security and safety, improve trucker productivity and working conditions, and lessen the impact of Port-related trucking on our neighbors.”

The Port has already been working hard to reduce impacts, including:

- Replacing or retrofitting more than 300 diesel engines;
- Helping 77 truckers buy cleaner trucks with 70 percent fewer emissions; and
- Helping nearly all 2,000 Port truckers replace or retrofit their trucks.

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