

For Immediate Release
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Reminder: City of Oakland Business Closure Scheduled for Tomorrow and Monday *Public Safety Not Affected*

OAKLAND – As previously announced, due to budget cutbacks, the City of Oakland will suspend administrative and other city services on Wednesday, March 31 and Monday, April 5, 2010 as agreed to by all civilian employee unions in order to balance the city's 2009-2011 budget.

During the business closure, police, fire and emergency services are not affected. Head Start facilities will remain open.

Mayor Ron Dellums said: "We recognize that the city's budget deficit has caused hardship for city employees, and we thank them for their sacrifices to help sustain city services. In the throes of a global economic challenge, Oakland has had to make difficult decisions to keep this city moving forward. While these choices are difficult, they are necessary given the current financial situation."

Specific Service Impacts

Public Works

- Serious emergencies — such as sewer overflows, traffic signal outages, objects completely blocking the street to vehicle traffic and major flooding conditions — will be responded to.

Oakland Public Library

- All libraries will be open during regular weekend hours, but closed during business closure and holidays.

Oakland Parks and Recreation

- Parks will be open, however restrooms will be closed and staff will not be onsite.
- The gates to Joaquin Miller Park will be closed, but trails will be accessible to the public.

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For more information on Mayor Ron Dellums and the City of Oakland, please visit and bookmark the following Web accounts:

 : <http://www.youtube.com/ronalddellums>

 : <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Ron-Dellums/98961200747>

 : <http://www.twitter.com> "Mayor Dellums"