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OAKLAND MOVING FORWARD COMMUNITY TASK FORCE REPORTS

From September - December, 2006 eight hundred (800) Oakland residents volunteered for 41 Task Force groups in an extraordinary display of civic engagement to address the myriad of challenges facing Oakland, as well as other urban centers around the nation. The Task Force Reports capture the initial recommendations brought forth by this group.

While some recommendations have been acted upon (e.g., declaring 100% community policing for Oakland; declaring Oakland an immigrant sanctuary city; calling for a human relations commission), the Mayor still needs to definitively outline which recommendations are to be fully embraced by his administration. It is our goal to accomplish this objective by the end of 2007.

Forty-one Task Force groups were divided into nine areas:

- 1) City Government**
- 2) Economic Development**
- 3) Education & Community Learning**
- 4) Health**
- 5) Housing**
- 6) Public Safety**
- 7) City's Diversity**
- 8) Neighborhood Organizing & Civic Participation**
- 9) Transportation**

The above-named nine Task Force reports are posted on the Mayor's website. (www.mayorrondellums.org). The original binders, with all the information submitted to the Mayor's Office, including minority reports (e.g., participants were encouraged to submit minority reports when they did not agree with the majority opinions) are presently housed in the Mayor's Office. The original documents will eventually be turned over to the City Clerk as public records. For now, the original documents can be viewed by making an appointment with the Director of Communications at 510-238-7914.

Once we secure funding, it is the goal of the Office of the Mayor to distribute hard copies of the documents through the Oakland public libraries: all 16 libraries will participate. Interested individuals can request one Task Force report or the entire set. One hundred sets will be kept at the Main Library and twenty-five sets in each neighborhood library.

When the copies are ready for distribution, we will publish the locations of each library. Task Force reports will be distributed free on a first come, first served basis. When the libraries run out of copies, copies will continue to be available by downloading from the website.