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## **CITY OF OAKLAND ANNOUNCES BUSINESS CLOSURE SCHEDULE THROUGH JUNE 2010**

*City Leaders, Unions and Employees Team Up to Tackle Unprecedented Fiscal Challenges*

**OAKLAND** – The City of Oakland has selected eleven “business closure” dates for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Business closures – and the unpaid time off taken by “non-emergency” city employees on such days – are part of agreements reached with all civilian employee unions in order to balance the City’s 2009-2011 budget.

Mayor 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.”

The 11 Business Closure days have been scheduled as follows:

- ❖ Friday, August 14, 2009
- ❖ Tuesday, September 8, 2009
- ❖ Friday, October 23, 2009
- ❖ Monday, November 30, 2009
- ❖ December 28, 29, 30 and 31
- ❖ Friday, January 15, 2010
- ❖ Wednesday, March 31, 2010
- ❖ Monday, April 5, 2010

Like many governments nationwide, Oakland was forced to dramatically reduce its expenditures. In addition to major cuts in each of the City Departments, City employees will be taking 10 percent compensation reductions through agreements negotiated between the City and each of the employee unions. City leaders will take an equivalent 10 percent reduction in pay.

The closures exempt essential public safety and emergency services. Most City facilities will be closed on the above dates, with a few exceptions. A list of open facilities is available on the City’s website, at [www.oaklandnet.com](http://www.oaklandnet.com).

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