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**MACARTHUR LIQUORS CLOSES**

(Oakland, CA -May 24, 2006) For the first time in 20 years you will no longer see three liquor stores in the block that runs between Seminary and 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Macarthur Boulevard! Many thanks for this welcome change goes to Councilperson Desley Brooks, the District 6 Service Delivery Systems (SDS) team, and Oakland Police Department's Alcohol Beverage & Tobacco (ABAT) unit.

Councilperson Brooks and ABAT denied Macarthur Liquors' request to change their operating conditions. The owners requested longer hours of operation and broader merchandise approval. Without these changes they claimed they would not be able to survive. Councilperson Brooks said "this community has been negatively impacted because of the disproportionate concentration of liquor outlets, the community's interests had to take precedence over those of Macarthur Liquors. Now things are looking up in the area -- we have a new produce store opening in June, and plans are underway for a new development down the street."

In an effort to stimulate revitalization Councilperson Brooks has brought a wealth of city resources to the area. The SDS Team has conducted SMART inspections in the area. SMART inspections bring together different units within the city and the county to address problem properties. We also have been working with a number of the property owners to improve their building facades. Finally, Councilperson Brooks has made a number of physical improvements to the area such as installation of dual candelabra lights and sidewalk and gutters.

"I want to see this area become a thriving commercial corridor. With the removal of one liquor store and our continued work with the operators of One Stop Liquors, I am confident that we will soon see positive changes."

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