

MAYOR RON DELLUMS ADVISORY TASK FORCE GROUPS

GROUP	TASK FORCE NAME	QUESTION
CITY GOVERNMENT	Youth issues and the Youth Commission	1) What programs and policies can enhance the quality of life for young people? 2) How should the youth commission be used to enhance this goal?
	Civil Service Commission	How can the Civil Service Commission operate most effectively?
	Transparency in government, public ethics, making city procedures and policies understandable in plain language	How can decisions be made with full public input, including a) decisions about the awarding of contracts and b) the use of language which makes the decisions clear in plain language to all residents?
	Parking	What parking policies are most beneficial to Oakland businesses and residents?
	Museums, libraries, Oakland history, and Oakland identity	How can the quality of life and documentation and dissemination of Oakland multicultural history and identity be enhanced through its libraries, museums, and other public displays?
	Job training and job development, and the Workforce Investment Board	How can the city foster job development?
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CITY GOVERNMENT (continued)	Park and Recreation Department, recreation services, and maintenance	1) How can city recreation services be available to all residents? 2) How can the parks be maintained most effectively?
	Looking at the overall structure of city government and the City charter	How should City government be structured to work most effectively?
	Animal shelter	How should the animal shelter be operated?
	Oakland beautification	What policies will lead to the beautification of Oakland?
	Planning, zoning, and land use	How can planning, zoning, and land use policies be most effective to enhance the lives of Oakland residents?
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Small business and Oakland-based business	What city policies can enhance small and Oakland-based businesses?
	Green economy initiatives	How can Oakland become an epicenter for Green Business and sustainable urban life?
	Finances and citizens – predatory lending, the wealth gap, home ownership, etc.	How can financial services be available and fair for all Oakland residents?
	Hire Oakland and contract compliance	How can more Oakland residents and more Oakland businesses benefit from the jobs and contracts generated by city expenditures?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (continued)	The functioning of the Redevelopment Agency and CEDA	How should the Redevelopment Agency and CEDA operate to enhance the economic well-being of all Oakland residents?
	The Port and Oakland as a center for world trade	1) What policies will protect the health and environment of Oakland residents, while fully developing the economic potential of the Port? 2) What relationship between the City and the Port will bring maximum benefit to the residents of Oakland? 3) How can Oakland be enhanced as a Center for World Trade?
	Oakland as a center for multicultural arts initiatives	How can Oakland become an economic center for the multicultural arts?
EDUCATION & COMMUNITY LEARNING	Head Start/Early Childhood	How can high quality child care be available to all who need it?
	Wrap Around Services	How can we provide health, mental health, recreation, counseling, family, and after-school services to Oakland youngsters?
	Literacy for all, including adults	How can Oakland work toward literacy for all residents, including adults?
	Full use and collaboration of the city with the Peralta Community College system	How can the city collaborate most effectively with the Peralta system for the general education of Oakland residents and for training in particular needed areas – police and fire; parents as advocates; pre-teaching preparation, etc.?

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY LEARNING (continued)	Foster care and group homes	What steps can the city take to improve the lives of youngsters placed in foster care and group homes?
	Middle schools/High schools/Drop-outs/Push-outs	How can the middle and high schools operate to insure effective, exciting education and to lessen the numbers of drop-outs and push-outs?
	Higher education for all Oakland youngsters	How can Oakland ensure access to higher education for all Oakland youngsters?
	Local control	How can we return full local governance of the schools to Oakland?
	Creating enough teachers for all Oakland youngsters and dealing with the impact of high stakes testing	<p>1) How can Oakland ensure that there are enough effective teachers for all Oakland youngsters?</p> <p>2) How can Oakland deal with the impact of high stakes testing on Oakland youngsters?</p>
HEALTH CARE	Health Care	How can all Oakland residents have access to health care?
HOUSING	Housing	How can Oakland have housing which is decent and affordable for residents at every level of wealth and income?

PUBLIC SAFETY	Domestic violence	What policies would lessen domestic violence?
	Youth violence	How can we understand and lessen the causes of youth violence?
	Violence Prevention and Measure Y	What prevention measures, including the use of Measure Y funds, would lessen violence and enhance the quality of life?
	Emergency preparedness	1) How effective is Oakland's emergency preparedness? 2) What changes need to be made in light of Katrina?
	Community policing	1) What should community policing look like? 2) How can it be made to work?
	Reintegration of adjudicated individuals	What policies and programs could effectively reintegrate incarcerated individuals?
	Police issues: OPOA contract, follow-up on the Riders Agreement, and the hiring of more Oakland residents	What contract and policy provisions could create adequate public safety in all neighborhoods and the employment of larger numbers of Oakland residents as police?
CITY'S DIVERSITY – HUMAN RIGHTS	Senior and aging issues	How can the quality of life and the availability of services be enhanced as Oakland residents age?
	LGBT issues	How can important issues for Oakland's LGBT residents be addressed?
	Immigration	How can the city enhance the quality of life for immigrants?

NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZING & CIVIC PARTICIPATION	Neighborhood Organizing & Civic Participation	How can we revitalize democracy through the organization of neighborhoods, enhancement of civic participation, and constituent services provided by the Mayor's office?
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