



MEDIA ADVISORY
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OAKLAND NEGOTIATES UNPRECEDENTED AGREEMENT WITH ONE OF NATION'S LARGEST RAILROADS:

Union Pacific Partners with Oakland to Clean Up Trash on Tracks

Oakland, CA – Oakland City Attorney John Russo will host a news conference on Wednesday to announce an innovative partnership with Union Pacific Railroad designed to address the chronic and severe problem of illegal dumping and accumulated litter on railroad property.

As a cornerstone of this partnership, City of Oakland and Union Pacific officials will sign a 10-year Inspection and Maintenance Agreement, the first of its kind in California, in which Union Pacific Railroad has agreed to clean up the hundreds of tons of debris and trash that accumulate annually on their 20 linear miles of railroad right of way.

This agreement promises to save the City hundreds of thousands of dollars in clean-up costs. It provides that Union Pacific will install anti-littering signs, construct fences at designated locations, and work with the City to aggressively investigate and prosecute illegal dumpers to the fullest extent of the law.

What: City of Oakland and Union Pacific officials will sign a 10-year Inspection and Maintenance Agreement

When: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Russet Street @ 107th Avenue, East Oakland

Who: City Attorney John Russo
City Council President Ignacio De La Fuente
City Manager Deborah Edgerly
Ester West Brook, Neighbor and "Adopt-a-Spot" Clean-up Participant

Driving Directions:

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From downtown Oakland, take I-880 south to the 98th Ave. exit. Turn left on 98th Avenue; turn right on San Leandro Street. Stay in the right hand lane; just after Mortensen Carpet (landmark on the right), San Leandro Street goes into a tunnel--do not enter the tunnel! Keep to the right. San Leandro Street becomes Russet Street after 105th Ave. Continue two blocks along the RR tracks to 107th Ave.

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