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Alameda County Hosts “A Year of Transition” in Oakland and Fremont *Budget forums will examine federal and State budget cuts – as well as Governor’s “Realignment” Plan – and how they will impact County programs and finances*

OAKLAND -- Alameda County will host “A Year of Transition,” a pair of budget forums on Tuesday, February 21, that will focus on sweeping changes in the economy and the delivery of State and local programs.

The forums, hosted by the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi, will give County leaders the chance to explain how changes in the economy would impact local services that have been pared back in recent years due to falling County revenues and increased demand for services. The sessions also will provide details to local stakeholders about how the planned “realignment” of services – a monumental shift in responsibility for many services from the State to local government – will affect safety net programs and the people who rely on them.

The February 21 forums will be:

- at **10 a.m.** at Alameda County Training and Education Center, 4th Floor, 125 12th Street, Oakland
- at **1:30 p.m.** in the Fukaya Room of the Fremont Library, 2450 Stevenson Boulevard, Fremont.

Issues likely to be addressed at the forums, include:

- How well is the East Bay economy rebounding after a years-long slump and will this have a positive impact on funding for County-administered programs?
- Are property tax revenues increasing to Alameda County now that the local housing market appears to be ending its protracted slide?
- Economic disparities among Alameda County residents.
- What will be the local impacts of plans to shift responsibility for some State prison inmates to local jails and law enforcement agencies?
- How will cuts proposed by Governor Brown impact local health care, mental health, social services and law enforcement programs?
- What are the human impacts of budget cuts to Alameda County residents?

Local health care and social services providers, as well as community based organizations closely allied with County programs, are expected to be on hand to discuss the economic climate and the emerging funding picture for services important to the residents of Alameda County.

For directions to the forums, and to RSVP, go to www.acgov.org/budgetforums.htm.