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## **TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES ROSIE RIOS TO SPEAK AT ECONOMIC FORUM IN OAKLAND**

Treasurer Rosie Rios, an East Bay native who in 2009 was named by President Obama to one of the highest posts in the federal government, will be returning home next week to offer local leaders her views on the state of the national economy and the federal budget.

Ms. Rios, who grew up in Hayward, will be the featured speaker at an Economic Forum at **3 p.m. on Monday, March 19 at the Elihu Harris State Building, 1515 Clay Street, Oakland.** The Forum will be hosted by the Alameda County Budget Workgroup.

Ms. Rios' insights about the national economy and the federal budget are being eagerly anticipated by members of the Budget Workgroup, a panel of elected officials and community leaders that meets year-round to keep the public apprised of the details of Alameda County's \$2 billion-plus Annual Budget.

Ms. Rios' appearance is especially well-timed for Alameda County officials, who will soon hit the home stretch toward developing a budget for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year that must be approved by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

"State and federal funds contribute to more than 50 percent of our County Budget, " said Alameda County Administrator Susan S. Muranishi. "So we feel extremely fortunate to have this opportunity to hear directly from the Treasurer of the United States about the state of the national economy and the current federal budget debate in Washington, D.C."

Ms. Rios defied the odds in her journey from humble beginnings to great professional success. One of nine children raised in Hayward by her mother, Ms. Rios helped the family make ends meet as a teen-ager by working 30-hour weeks processing books in an Alameda County Library warehouse. Long hours on the job often meant that her school studies were left for late nights and the wee hours of the morning.

She attended Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward before moving onto Harvard University, where she graduated with degrees in sociology and Romance languages.

Ms. Rios moved on to a career in urban economic development that included stints for the cities of San Leandro, Union City, Fremont and Oakland. In 2008 she took time off from her job as the managing director for an investment management firm to volunteer for Barack Obama's presidential campaign. In 2009, she was appointed by Obama to be the Treasurer of the United States. In this post, she has direct oversight of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the U.S. Mint, and Fort Knox, and her signature is printed on U.S. currency.

In addition, Ms. Rios serves as a senior advisor to Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner in the areas of community development and public engagement. She is especially passionate about supporting Women in Finance and issues of Main Street in the economic recovery.

Keith Carson, Alameda County Supervisor and Chair of the Budget Workgroup, said Ms. Rios' remarks are sure to resonate with people in every sector of the East Bay economy.

"She has Alameda County roots and a deep understanding what it will take for local communities to thrive after years of economic difficulty," Carson said. "On top of that, she's a recognized national leader and a great presenter....all of which explains why we are thrilled to welcome Rosie Rios back home and to hear what she has to say."