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## **Get Screened Oakland: The Highlights**

## Mayor Dellums Launches New Social Marketing Campaign

"Get Tested. I did. Your health is our concern."

With those three simple sentences, Mayor Ronald V. Dellums added a bold new appeal for HIV testing to his Get Screened Oakland initiative—and an important page to public health history.

Mayor Dellum's words of encouragement have been paired with his image in a series of ads now appearing on billboards and bus shelters throughout Oakland and Alameda County. The ads also include a toll-free number where area residents can receive accurate information about HIV, in general, as well as local HIV screening sites and programs for HIV care, treatment, and support. The hot-line's number is 1-888-END AIDS (1-888-363-2437).

No other mayor in the history of the American AIDS epidemic has so enthusiastically stepped forward on the issue of HIV and offered to use his or her image to encourage testing for HIV. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for your leadership.

# Mayor Dellums Invites Community Health Care Leaders to a City Hall Luncheon to Discuss Get Screened Oakland

(October 19) Oakland/Alameda County health care leaders accepted an invitation from Mayor Ronald V. Dellums to participate in an HIV-related luncheon discussion. Sitting in the Mayor's office, the guests heard a Get Screened Oakland update as well as a review of the initiative's goals. In addition, participants discussed the recently revised guidelines for HIV testing by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The meeting brought together the administrators from Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Alameda County Medical Center, Children's Hospital, Asian Health Center, La Clinica de la Raza, West Oakland Health Council, Lifelong Medical Services, Triburcio Vasquez, Tri-City, Alameda County Office of AIDS, and Alameda County Department of Public Health, Office of the Director.

David Chai, Chief of Staff for Mayor Dellums, opened the lunch by welcoming the health care leaders to City Hall. He thanked them for their commitment to Get Screened Oakland and for their role overall in efforts to keep Oakland healthy. Former Chief of Staff Dan Boggan also greeted the guests and thanked them individually for supporting Get Screened Oakland. Michele Brown, Deputy Director, Office of Parks and Recreation, gave attendees a brief historical account of the mayoral initiative and discussed the rationale for its development. Marsha Martin, Director of Get Screened Oakland, provided the attendees with a Get Screened Oakland program overview and answered questions about the initiative.

In addition, Steve O'Brien, MD, from East Bay AIDS Clinic, gave a presentation on CDC's revised guidelines for HIV testing in health care settings, which were issue in September 2006. In his presentation, Dr. O'Brien provided an overview of the former guidelines and identified the key changes in the guideline revisions.

According to Dr. O'Brien, the key changes are as follows:

- ♦ All health care settings (including STD clinics) should screen patients between the ages of 13 and 64 annually, regardless of risk.
- Screening should be voluntary and should use an opt-out, informed-consent approach instead of an opt-in, written-consent approach.
- ♦ Informed consent should include an explanation of HIV infection and the meaning of both a positive and negative test result.
- Prevention counseling should not be required as part of HIV screening programs in health care settings.

Dr. O'Brien also raised a number of considerations that health service providers will have to weigh as they begin to expand their HIV screening. They include the cost benefit of testing everyone, the importance of maintaining HIV prevention counseling for people at risk, and the importance of communicating HIV test results in the same manner as results from other diagnostic or screening tests.

Dr. O'Brien concluded his remarks by announcing a recent CDC award of \$720,000 to fund an emergency room screening program. As a result of this award, Alta Bates Summit and Alameda County Medical Center (ACMC)/Highland in the East Bay will receive funds to expand HIV screening in their respective emergency departments. San Francisco General Hospital will receive funds from the award as well. The award builds and expands on the successful HIV screening program started at ACMC/ Highland in 2005.

The luncheon closed with the guests agreeing to expand their health-services partnership with the Mayor's Office, and to look for low- and no-cost ways to support Get Screened Oakland.

Get Screened Oakland, through a partnership with the AIDS Education and Training Centers, will be providing community health centers with technical assistance to help them implement the new HIV screening guidelines. Kathleen Clanon, MD, and Philip Huang are staffing the technical-assistance activities supporting the implementation of the new guidelines and of routine, rapid-HIV testing.

# GSO Delegation attends "Building the Capacity of the Believer to Serve," The Black Church Institute on HIV and other Health Disparities

(October 23-26) Get Screened Oakland (GSO) staff and five members of Mayor Dellums' Network for Interfaith Action participated in The Black Church Institute, sponsored by The Balm in Gilead and held in Hilton Head, South Carolina. The following Network for Interfaith Action members joined GSO staff at the Institute: Rev. Dr. Charles Hames of Beebe Memorial Church, Bishop Keith Clark of Word Assembly, Rev. Dr. Keith Henderson of True Fellowship; Rev. Eunice Shaw of Allen Temple Church, and Maurice Graham of East Bay Church of Religious Science.

In addition to sponsoring workshops on a wide range of relevant issues and themes, this year's Black Church Institute offered attendees "Morning Glory! Praise and Worship," a daily occasion to gather in fellowship for song, worship, and thanksgiving. The Institute also drew together members of the Forbes family, a well known and highly regarded family of pastors, doctors, and attorneys, for a special session: A Comprehensive, Spiritual Approach to Effectively Responding to HIV/AIDS. The Forbes family participants included: Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.; Rev. Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr.; Ronald O. Forbes, MD, and Anna Forbes Towns, JD. Gathering around a family dinner table, the Forbes reminisced about growing up in a family where everyone was special and everyone was welcomed, no matter what. They recalled how the family environment supported talking and dealing with tough issues like HIV, homosexuality, out of wedlock births, and premature marriages. They concluded their two-hour dinner table discussion by inviting Institute attendees to consider discussing family health at their own dinner tables and encouraging family members to get tested for HIV.

#### **Workshop Sampling**

- ♦ Understanding HIV-101
- ♦ Tools for Effective Abstinence-Based HIV/AIDS Programs
- ♦ Outreach Driven Health Ministries
- ♦ Skill Development: Evaluating Faith-Based Health Programs to Fundamentals of Faith-Based Testing Programs
- ♦ Developing and Strengthening Effective Faith-Based Prevention Ministries for Men who have Sex with Men
- ♦ Steps for Preparing Your Congregation for Healing and Healthy Discussions on Sexuality

Each morning of the Institute, a different pastor delivered a sermon. On Wednesday morning, Rev. Dr. Stephen Thurston, who serves as President of the National Baptist Convention and as Sr. Pastor of New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, IL, spoke of "a healing and forgiving God." On Thursday morning, Bishop Yvette Flunder, Sr. Pastor, City of Refuge United Church of Christ, Presiding Bishop, Refugee Ministries/Fellowship 2000, San Francisco, CA, spoke of God's inclusiveness in a sermon entitled "A Both/And God." On Friday morning, Rev. Dr. Claude Alexander, Sr. Pastor, University Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC, offered reflection on "frustrated expectations and knowing that God will work them out."

The Institute ended with a special musical presentation by the gospel trio Trin-t-tee 5:7.

For more information on The Balm and Gilead and its events, visit <a href="http://www.balmingilead.org/home.asp">http://www.balmingilead.org/home.asp</a>.

## **Oakland Community News**

#### **December 1 Committee Plans Local Events for World AIDS Day**

The December 1 Committee of Get Screened Oakland wishes to offer the following information about a week of Oakland-area events that will take place in observation of World AIDS Day.\* A full calendar of the week's events is available on page 10.

Oakland's World AIDS Day events are as follows:

#### Friday, Saturday, Sunday, November 23, 24, 25

• Citywide Celebration of Life, Interfaith Prayers, Readings & Scripture Lessons; during services at houses of worship

#### Monday, November 25

- ◆ Press Conference at Highland Hospital; 10 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Candlelight and Gratitude Prayer Circle; City Hall Plaza; 7:00 p.m.
- Reception and HIV Family Story, Asian Cultural Center; 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, November 26

- Surviving and Thriving: An evening of sharing stories, Kaiser Permanente; 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Candlelight and Gratitude Prayer Circle; City Hall Plaza; 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ HIV & Gospel Music Workshop, Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist Church; 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 28

- City Hall Reception, Names Project Quilt Hanging and Awards Ceremony; 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Candlelight and Gratitude Prayer Circle; City Hall Plaza 8:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, November 29

- ♦ Be in the Know College HIV Screening, Laney & Merritt Colleges; 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- ♦ Life Support: Reception, Movie, and Panel Discussion, Laney College Forum; 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- ♦ HIV & Gospel Music Workshop, Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist Church; 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

#### Friday, November 30

- ♦ Community Summit on Women and HIV; 8:00 a.m.-5 p.m.
- ♦ HIV & Gospel Music Workshop, Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist Church; 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

#### World AIDS Day: Saturday, December 1

- ◆ CalPEP Testing Event, Comp USA, Emeryville, CA; 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Gospel Music Concert Extravaganza, Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist Church; 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ WORLD AIDS DAY BENEFIT CONCERT, Historic Sweet's Ballroom; 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m.
- ♦ After Party, Kimball's Carnival; 10:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

#### Get Screened Oakland Participates in National Clergy Conclave on HIV

(October 8-9) The National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA) sponsored a meeting in New York City to discuss the role of the black church in addressing HIV and AIDS in the black community.

The meeting, chaired by Rev. Dr. Calvin Butts of Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City and Rev. T. D. Jakes of Potters House in Dallas, TX, brought together more than 130 people, including clergy members, policy leaders, persons living with HIV, academicians, medical professionals, state and local legislators, and leaders from related associations, such as The Balm in Gilead, The Black AIDS Institute, National Medical Association, and Conference of Black Mayors. Members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) were also in attendance and included the Honorables Donna Christensen, MD, Chair of the CBC Health Braintrust; Charles Rangel, Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee; James Clyburn, House Majority Whip; Ed Towns; and Gregory Meeks. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Abbott Laboratories provided support for the meeting.

The goals of the meeting were twofold: to discuss and encourage an expanded mobilization of the black community in response to the U.S. HIV epidemic and to review the National Medical Association's proposal for preventing further HIV infections in the black community. Those attending the meeting agreed to work together in support of expanded HIV testing and to develop a legislative strategy aimed at bringing more resources to the black community for health care capacity building. The meeting ended with a call to develop the National HIV/AIDS Elimination Act, a piece of public health legislation that would build on the Minority AIDS Initiative, which was created in 1998.

For more information on the NBLCA, visit the organization's Web site at http://www.nblca.org/about.html.

# Get Screened Oakland presents Social Marketing Campaign at Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS

(October 15-16) Members of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) convened in Washington, DC for their third meeting this year.

At the two-day meeting, Council members learned of a new campaign sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Known as the National HIV Testing Mobilization Campaign, the initiative's aim is to mobilize local communities to respond to the HIV epidemic through HIV awareness and education, HIV testing and prevention, and HIV treatment and care.

<sup>\*</sup>Members of the December 1 Committee include staff from the offices of local, state, and federal elected representatives, AIDS Service Organizations (ASO), community health centers, area hospitals, social service agencies, LGBT serving agencies and GSO public and private sector partners.

Council members also heard an update on implementation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s recently revised HIV testing guidelines. The update was given by Dr. Bernard Branson, Associate Director for Laboratory Diagnostics in the CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. In his remarks, Dr. Branson mentioned Get Screened Oakland and described its goals and objectives to Council members.

Bringing greetings from Mayor—and former Chair of PACHA— Ronald V. Dellums, Get Screened Oakland Director Marsha Martin invited members of the Council to visit Oakland to learn more about the mayoral initiative. In addition, she encouraged the Council to consider meeting with mayors and local health departments to discuss capacity building for municipal governments. Dr. Martin continued her remarks with an overview of Get Screened Oakland in which she outlined the initiative's goals and objectives. She also stressed the importance of public- and private-sector partnerships for municipal-level interventions and distributed copies of the GSO social marketing materials to Council members.

Following Dr. Martin's presentation, several members asked if Get Screened Oakland could assist their respective communities in implementing similar HIV screening programs.

"It is an exciting time for Get Screened Oakland and its partners as more communities and HIV leaders learn about the work we are doing together," Dr. Martin said.

For more information on PACHA and its meetings, visit <a href="http://www.pacha.gov/">http://www.pacha.gov/</a>.

## - Words from the Community

#### What is AIDS

By Chris Brownlie

It is a whimper, and a scream. It is the brush of a branch on the screen of your window, a rustle, a rattle. It is being in your center, and being so far from your center that you don't know if you'll ever find your way back. It is relentless. It is daunting, a great mountain which you MUST climb.

It is sweating, bleeding, puking shitting in ways you never have before. It is pain you never imagined. It is fear you never dreamed. It is grief you never guessed. It is the frenzy of medicine. It is too many visits to the outpatient clinic, the two days in the hospital for tests, the weeks for the treatments. It is the doctor's kindness, the nurse's caring, the phlebotomist's apology. It is the doctor's prodding, the nurse's poking, the phlebotomist's piercing.

It is the manic need to make your mark, to leave some worthwhile trace of yourself behind. It is shattering denial every time the symptoms of another infection begin to mount. It is the loneliness, like the whistle of a train passing in the dark night of your soul.

It is caring for your friends in a way you never have before. Intimate ways, horrible ways, ways that take more of your love than you knew you had. It is being there when the coma comes, and it is begging in your heart for some little piece of mercy. It is going to the church, or the park, or the beach to say farewell and Godspeed, beloved one.

It is waking up wet, so wet, wetter than you were at birth. It is having your skull split by it's swollen lining. It is changing your pants again because at the critical moment you couldn't tell the difference between gas and excrement. It is changing your sheets because the stench woke you up.

It is anger, weird, quirky anger that knocks you off your pins and makes you doubt your own judgments. It is not knowing the difference between your needs and your desires. It is being disoriented by the force of the great emotional wind which is constantly blowing within you.

It is the fighting back. It is the building of places to care for the living and for the dying. It is courage, it is honor, it is integrity. It is people joining forces in a time of great need. It is hope, it is sharing the burden. It is people caring for their own and finding love, and surviving, and believing in the future even when we are hurting more than we have ever hurt before.

It is bearing the unbearable, enduring the unendurable, and hoping in the face of hopelessness. It is the haunted look in your lover's eyes when a new crisis begins. It is mourning alone. It is holding him in your arms and in your heart. It is crying because your heart is breaking over leaving him behind. It is the sweet pain of knowing that you are dying, and the overwhelming sadness for those who will kiss you into their dreams.

It is a wall. It is a howl. It is beyond our grasp. It is awful. It is awesome. It is AIDS.

#### Other HIV News

#### Governor's Veto of Bill for Condom Distribution in Jails Questioned

The New York Times (10/16/2007) issued an editorial criticizing Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for vetoing a bill by Assemblyman Sandre Swanson (D-Alameda). The bill aimed to reduce HIV transmission by permitting the distribution of condoms in correctional facilities—something the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has encouraged states to do.

What more, *The NY Times* observed, public health officials around the world have long realized the critical importance of condom distribution in "any meaningful AIDS prevention effort." And, the editorial pointed out, other countries (Canada and the European Union countries) and U.S. cities (Los Angeles, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington, DC, and New York) have up-and-running programs that provide condoms to prison populations.

According to *The NY Times*, Gov. Schwarzenegger said his vetoed the bill because it conflicted with current state law, which makes sexual contact among inmates illegal. The newspaper called the Governor's rationale "a denial of the life behind bars."

In a related article, the *Los Angeles Times* (10/10/2007) echoed this criticism. The *LA Times* stated, "To distribute condoms is to acknowledge that inmates are having sex. But the rapid spread of HIV in prison should also be a clue that there is sex in prison, unlawful though it may be. If wardens can't stop prison sex—and they can't—they should at least be able to make it less deadly."

Despite his veto, Gov. Schwarzenegger "ordered up" a condom-distribution pilot program for one California prison, which has not yet been named, *The NY Times* reported. However, the newspaper said, "A small exploratory program falls far short of the mass distribution effort that the system clearly needs." The newspaper recommended the pilot program be started with expediency and that it be expanded as soon as possible.

Sources: "Reality and Denial in California's Prisons," *The New York Times Online Edition, accessed 10/31/07.* "Sign These Bills Governor"; *Los Angeles Times Online Edition*, accessed 10/31/07

#### Disagreement in New York Over Written Consent for HIV Screening

In October, the New York State AIDS Advisory Council passed a resolution in a 6-3 vote to recommend the elimination of a state law that mandates the collection of written consent before an HIV test is administered, *The New York Sun* (10/22/07) reported. The Council said that requiring oral consent, rather than written, would encourage thousands of people to get tested. Sandra Ruiz Butter, the AIDS Advisory Council Chair, assured, "Taking away the requirement for written consent [would] in no way relieve people of the requirements for confidentiality."

Yet some HIV advocates and elected officials in New York State maintain that written consent protects patients' rights and is the only way to guarantee that HIV tests are informed and consensual, according to *The Sun*.

"Having a note in a file of an oral consent does not provide the assurance needed that the person has given voluntary informed consent," stated Cynthia Knox, Deputy Executive Director of the HIV Law Project. She further stated that because of the stigma associated with HIV, it is not like other diseases and shouldn't be treated as if it were.

State Senator Thomas Duane, who is a member of the Advisory Council, said he did not support the resolution. According to the Senator, written consent not only provides evidence of consent and counseling, but it also encourages health care providers to regularly discuss HIV prevention with their patients.

Ms. Ruiz countered that the need to encourage greater HIV testing overrides "many of the critics' concerns." She also revealed that the Advisory Council had heard from medical providers who said that written consent's extensive requirements discouraged them from routinizing HIV screening.

The Advisory Council's recommendation came just over a year after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revised its guidelines for HIV screening in order to make it a routine part of medical care. Because the Advisory Council's powers are limited

to issuing recommendations rather than legislating them, it is unclear what impact its recent recommendation will carry.

Around the time that CDC issued its revised guidelines last year, New York City Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Frieden proposed a system of "affirmative consent via written or verbal permission," *The Sun* reported, adding that "Several pieces of proposed legislation similarly addressed testing requirements in medical settings and laboratories."

Nearly 100,000 people in New York City alone are known to be HIV-positive, *The Sun* noted, and thousands more may be infected, according to health officials.

"A large number of people in our city and our country don't know their HIV status," said Dr. Allan Rosenfield, Dean of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. "Therefore," he continued, "they're more likely to spread the disease and not get the care they need."

Source: "Fight Brews Over AIDS in Albany"; Solomont, Elizabeth; The New York Sun Online Edition; accessed 10/31/07

# Majority of States Have Legal Barriers to CDC's Revised Guidelines for HIV Screening

In September 2006, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s revised its guidelines for HIV screening in health care settings in order to encourage its routinization. However, a new study, published online in *PloS One*, has found that more than 30 states have laws that conflict with the federal agency's revisions, the Associated Press/Google.com (10/09/07) reported.

The research findings indicate that no state has removed all barriers to implementing the revised guidelines. Thirty-three states require informed consent for an HIV test; 24 require information about HIV disease and testing to be disclosed through pre-test counseling or in a consent process. Both requirements are barriers to implementation of the CDC's revised guidelines, remarked Leslie Wolf, the study's lead author and Associate Professor of Law at Georgia State University.

In addition, the researchers found that only two states (Rhode Island and Illinois) had taken action with the specified goal of improved compliance with the revised guidelines, AP/Google noted. Both states, however, also kept some provision in place for informed consent or pre-test counseling.

Lawrence Gostin, a public health law expert at Georgetown University, does not anticipate that states will propose much additional legislation in order to comply with the CDC revisions, because the revisions are no longer newsworthy. "The political impetus was then, and they're on to other things," he said of state legislators.

CDC officials disagreed, however. "I don't think it's a done deal," Bernard Branson of the CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention countered. While officials acknowledged that some laws might pose an obstacle to state compliance, they believed the guidelines would make testing simpler by eliminating the need to get specific consent for an HIV test and to counsel patients before conducting the test.

What's more, CDC officials cited over half a dozen states—Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, New Hampshire, and New Mexico—that have made some kind of law change to simplify HIV screening, AP/Google wrote, and there appear to be changes in at least one other state: California.

Source: "Study: Majority of States Bar HIV Tests"; Stobbe, Mike; Associated Press/Google.com; accessed 10/31/07

## **Community Calendar**

Upcoming Events and Dates to Keep in Mind

November 2007

Sat. 11/3 – Wed. 11/7 American Public Health Association (APHA)'s Annual Meeting (includes

sessions on the politics and policy of HIV screening), Washington, DC

www.apha.org

Wed. 11/7 - Sat. 11/10 U.S. Conference on AIDS, National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), Palm

Springs, CA www.nmac.org

Fri. 11/30 Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Disease (WORLD)'s Summit on

Women and HIV, Oakland, CA www.womenhiv.org

December 2007

Sat/ 12/1 World AIDS Day Local Events:

HIV Screening At Pak-N-Save, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; California Prevention Educa-

tion Project (CAL-PEP). For more information contact Sonya Richey 874-7850

World AIDS Day Benefit Concert, Historic Sweet's Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.- Doors

open

For other local World AIDS Day events, see the calendar in the *Oakland Community* 

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Sun. 12/2 – Wed. 12/5 National HIV Prevention Conference "Promoting Synergy Between Science and Pro-

grams," Atlanta, GA www.namc.org

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Th. 1/24 – Sun. 1/27 4<sup>th</sup> Annual National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS

"Breaking Barriers, Moving Forward", National AIDS Education and Services for

Minorities, Inc (NAESM), Oakland, CA www.naesmonline.org

February 2008

Tu. 2/7 African American AIDS Awareness Day

# City of Oakland – Get Screened Oakland AIDS Awareness Week & World AIDS Day 2007 Community Events Calendar (as of 11/6/07)

World AIDS Day Benefit Concert Historic Sweet's Ballroom 1933 Broadway 6:30 PM/ Doors open 7PM – 10PM  After Party Kimball's Carnival 522 2nd Street 10 PM – 1 AM  HIV & Gospel Music Concert Extravaganza Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist Church 7pm	HIV & Gospel Music Workshop Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist Church 5-10pm	Life Support Boxed Dinner 6:30pm Film: 7PM Panel discussion Laney College The Forum 6:30PM - 9:30 PM HIV & Gospel Music Workshop Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist Church 5-10pm Prayer Circle Candelight & Gratitude City Hall Square 7pm	Get Screened Oakland & East Bay AIDS Walk Community Reception City Hall 6PM – 9PM HIV & Gospel Music Workshop Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist Church 5-10pm Prayer Circle Candelight & Gratitude City Hall Square 8pm	Permanente "Suviving, Thriving and Speaking Out" Kaiser Hospital Room 1200c 6-8pm  Prayer Circle Candelight & Gratitude City Hall Square 7pm  HIV & Gospel Music Workshop Olivet Institutional Missionary Baptist 5-10pm	Prayer Circle Candelight & Gratitude City Hall Square 7pm  Oakland Asian Culture Center Film Screeening Reception 6-8PM		
WORLD AIDS DAY  CalPEP Testing Event Comp USA Emeryville, CA Noon - 8 PM	W.O.R.LD. Community Summit for Women Sam Merritt College 370 Hawthorne Ave. Admission: \$20 8am-5pm	Be in the Know College Screening Laney College Merritt College 11AM – 2PM			Press conference At Highland Hospital 10am-11am	Citywide Celebration of Life - Interfaith Service 10AM - 1PM Interfaith Prayers, readings & Scriptures at local churches during services	Citywide Celebration of Life - Interfaith Service 10AM - 1PM Interfaith Prayers, readings & Scriptures at local temples and synagogues during services
SATURDAY DECEMBER 1	FRIDAY NOVEMBER 30	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 29	WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 28	TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27	MONDAY NOVEMBER 26	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24