

# Teamsters, Waste Management Reach Tentative Agreement

**Pending Ratification on Saturday, 481 Teamsters to Return to Work Monday**



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OAKLAND, Calif., July 27 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Teamsters Local 70 and Waste Management Inc. (WMI) of Alameda County reached a tentative agreement that pending a ratification vote by the membership on Saturday, July 28 will end the lockout and return the 481 workers to their jobs servicing the East Bay area.

"This was a long process, but we believe worth the effort," said Chuck Mack, Secretary-Treasurer, Teamsters Local 70. "The negotiating committee fully endorses this proposal, is optimistic and will recommend ratification."

Mayor Ron Dellums announced the settlement following Thursday's federal mediation session.

"I was honored when I was invited to participate in this process," Dellums said. "I was pleased to see the two parties come together and reach a settlement in timely manner in an effort to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Oakland. There were 411,000 people counting on us and we delivered."

The union was assisted in large part by the coordination and efforts of the Teamsters International Solid Waste Division and the Alameda Labor Council. Machinists Local 1546 will return the table Friday morning. ILWU Local 6 members will return to work Friday, July 27 at 1:00 a.m.

"This was a true cooperative effort with labor, local politicians and the community," said Sharon Cornu, Executive Secretary of Alameda Labor Council. "Mayor Dellums led the horses to water and persuaded them to drink."

"I am proud of the solidarity this group showed during the lockout," said Bob Morales, Director of the Teamsters International Solid Waste Division. "We hope that the cooperative spirit that led to this agreement can be carried over in future dealings between our union and this company."