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## OAKLAND

### Housing Authority agrees to changes

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**Oakland's Housing Authority** will promptly clean up trash, make repairs and improve security at its 3,300 units, according to a settlement reached Wednesday with the City of **Oakland**.

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The city sued the **housing authority** in February 2007 over what it called persistent squalid conditions at its **housing** complexes, including leaking roofs, piles of garbage and mold. The city also alleged that the **housing authority** was too lax in evicting problem tenants, some of whom terrorized their neighbors for years.

According to the settlement, the **housing authority** will set up a complaint line and respond within two days to reports of vandalism, dumping, crime, damage and other issues. The **authority** will also work more closely with the police and neighborhood crime groups to reduce drug trafficking, violence and other crime in the **housing** complexes.

In addition, the **housing authority** will issue monthly reports to the city summarizing tenants' complaints and how the agency responded.

**Oakland's housing authority** is a state agency that's chartered to provide **housing** for low-income residents across the city.

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