

EXHIBIT A

CITY OF OAKLAND



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Re:

Rolanda Taylor v. Barnes and Noble, et al. United States District Court C09-04490 JL

Dear Ms. McGuinness:

As we discussed during this morning's telephone conversation, the City of Oakland has named as a defendant in the captioned lawsuit. The matter has been assigned to me for handling.

As, I informed you, the property which is the subject of the complaint falls within the jurisdiction of the Port of Oakland, which operates as an entity separate from the City. Earlier this week, the City tendered its defense to the Port. I since have been advised that the Port has tendered the City's defense to the operator of the facility, JLS Partners, which bears responsibility pursuant to the terms of its agreement with the Port.

The City's responsive pleading is due on Monday, October 19, 2009. In light of the foregoing, you have graciously agreed to a 14- day extension of time for the City to respond to the complaint. Hence the City's respond is now through and including November 2, 2009.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. RUSSO City Attorney

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