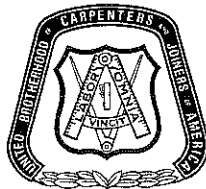


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Dear Mr. West;

I have received a copy of a statement you put out regarding the demonstration by Carpenters Local Union 630 at the Long Beach City Airport and feel compelled to correct some misinformation you are apparently laboring under.

First, and most important, I would note that the Carpenters entered into discussions with the City of Long Beach regarding a project agreement even before the start of negotiations with the Building Trades Council. My records indicate that we met with Eric Sund in January of 2010. We advised him that the Carpenters were not members of the Building Trades Council and that they did not represent us in negotiations. However, we saw no reason why we could not have separate, parallel agreements that would benefit all parties concerned. At that time we were advised by Mr. Sund that the City was willing to negotiate an agreement with the Carpenters. On that basis we entered into good faith negotiations and discussed specific proposals regarding items of interest to the City, such as local hire requirements.

After this meeting we fully expected to continue discussions with the City and to reach a mutually agreeable settlement. However, to our surprise, we were unable to schedule future meetings and the next thing we knew an agreement was concluded with the Building Trades without any participation by the Carpenters. This unilateral action was taken by the City even though I fully expect that 35 - 40% of the work on this project will be work covered by our agreement. Your statement that the Carpenters were unwilling to join with the other crafts in signing a project agreement is therefore disingenuous at best. We are and remain willing to negotiate in good faith, something the City is apparently unwilling to do.

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Your statement also tries to imply that there is some legal impediment, involving either applicable federal standards or the terms of the agreement with Building Trades Council, which prohibits "side labor agreements." I do not know what a "side labor agreement" is but there is nothing in federal law nor in the terms of the Building Trades agreement which prohibits the City from entering into an agreement with the Carpenters.

In closing, I am glad to hear that the City of Long Beach supports all forms of free speech since the Carpenters fully intends to continue to exercise that right to bring the issues involved at the Airport to the public's attention.

Very truly yours,

**SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL
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