



July 3, 2002



Metropolitan
Transportation
Authority

Goodwin Gaw, President
Downtown Properties, LLC
633 West 5th Street, Floor 56
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: 818 West 7th Street Building

One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA
90012-2952

Dear Mr. Gaw:

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") is a long-time tenant in the 818 West 7th Street Building. The agency currently occupies approximately 32,000 square feet in the building on the 5th and 7th Floors. Janitorial service for the leased space is provided by the building management.

The on-going dispute between the building management and the janitors who work in the building was brought to the attention of the MTA Board of Directors. It is our understanding that former employees and SEIU Local 1877 have filed unfair labor practices against your current janitorial contractor, Pacific Master Services. MTA is concerned about the allegations of sub-poverty wages, violating wage and hour laws and firing workers as retribution for organizing.

As a public agency, we are sensitive to the working condition of employees and support the right of employees to be represented by organized unions. We strongly support fair treatment of the janitors and their desire to obtain legal wages and fair working conditions. We are hopeful that the owners and management of the 818 Building will take into consideration the janitor's request for support in their efforts to unionize for fair wages and representation.

We would appreciate a response regarding management's position of the janitor's allegations of mistreatment and current wages.

Sincerely,

Roger Snoble
Chief Executive Officer

cc: MTA Board of Directors