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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**SUBJECT: NON-DISCLOSURE PROVISION FOR FARELESS
SYSTEM INITIATIVE TASKFORCE**

ISSUE

During the Executive Committee on Thursday, October 15, 2020, Director Fasana requested information on my requiring members of the Fareless System Initiative (FSI) Taskforce to agree to a non-disclosure provision. Director Fasana asked, "How often does this happen and what is the reason to require this?"

DISCUSSION

A Declaration of Confidentiality is embedded in the Authority's Administrative Code and when called upon applies to MTA employees to maintain confidentiality on, among other things, sensitive or proprietary information to which they have access to through their employment with the MTA.

In the context of the Fareless System Initiative, I directed that the Taskforce Members maintain confidentiality as it relates to the sensitive information, ideas, concepts, and conclusions that they will be grappling with prior to presentations to the public, Board of Directors, and Board Staff. During the study period, disclosure of premature Taskforce information/ideas/concepts could ruin our well-intentioned efforts to implement an initiative that could benefit thousands of low-income LA residents.

NEXT STEPS

We look forward to briefing the Board of Directors and Board Staff on the Task Force findings in early January 2021.