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Lyle Balistreri, President
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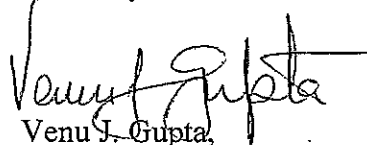
Dear Mr. Balistreri:

In response to your most recent correspondence dated June 19, 2008, I am once again inviting you and your officials to meet with the City to discuss the Board-Up issue as it relates to the Pilot Program of contracting daytime board-ups.

I apologize for the screw-up with the spelling of your name, and the fact that old address was used. Corrected copies of earlier communication, attached.

I offer to meet with you during the next two weeks. Please feel free to call Edie Greene, at 286-3408 to set up this meeting.

Sincerely,


Venu J. Gupta,
Superintendent
DPW Building & Fleet

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Faxed to: (414) 475-5590

Cc: Alderman Michael Murphy
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June 19, 2008

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BUILDINGS & FLEET

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter dated June 2, 2008, citing your intent to contract out daytime board ups.

I am writing to voice my opposition and my intent to do all in my power to prevent this action from happening.

Your letter to me came late because the address listed was wrong. And, the Carpenters have not occupied that building for at least five or six years. My name was spelled wrong. I have been the President of the Building and Construction Trades Council here at the address listed on this letterhead for over thirteen years. I do represent Building Trades crafts employed by the City of Milwaukee under our collective bargaining agreement with the City.

I have been in negotiations with the City of Milwaukee for a year now. These negotiations have been difficult and fruitless. Now, you notify me that you are going to contract out our work to someone.

Please be advised that there is a procurement process for the contracting out of work in this City and Prevailing Wages must be paid for individuals doing this work. This is carpentry work and those are the wage and benefit rates that must be paid. Having said this I find it hard to believe that the DPW can do the board ups with the use of a contractor for the same amount of money paid to our carpenters employed by the City of Milwaukee. While we are trying to negotiate a new contract for our members, the City will now hire a contractor and pay them more to do the work than if they would hire another carpenter as a City employee. All the while the city complains about its fiscal woes.

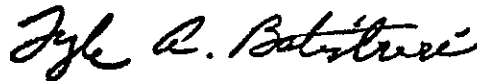
This is another demonstration of the Department of Public Works inability to administer the money allocated to it in a sound manner. It is also an affront to our carpenters employed by the City of Milwaukee.

First, the DPW contracts out the streetscape work to a contractor that uses laborers to set the Marble instead of Stone Masons. Then the Commissioner states there are no prevailing wage violations there. Because the work was done wrong it is now being redone at a cost, I am sure, to the City. And now, you contract out our bargaining unit work. My representatives and I cannot meet with you the week of June 17th because that week is now passed because the letter was sent to the wrong address. I would think that at the very least you would know where to send the correspondence by now.

Please notify this office if it is still your intent to contract out this work so that I can begin the process of investigating this matter. We wish to know who is on the bid list, whether the work will be properly posted and whether the City will pay prevailing wages for this work.

I await your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lyle A. Balistreri". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lyle A. Balistreri,
President

Cc: Alderman Michael Murphy
Alderman Bob Bauman
Matt Robbins, PGU
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June 2, 2008

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Attn: Julie Nosek, Chief of Staff

RE: 1st Shift Board-ups-Additional Information

Dear Mr. Balestreri:

I anticipate that this pilot program to contract day time board up could start by the first week in August.

I will be available to meet with you and your representatives the week of June 17th. You may schedule the meeting by contacting Edie Greene of my staff at 286-3408.

Sincerely,

Venu J. Gupta
Superintendent,
DPW Buildings & Fleet

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Cc: Joseph Alvarado
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May 27, 2008

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Attn: Julie Nosek, Chief of Staff

RE: 1st Shift Board-ups

Dear Mr. Balestreri:

This is to inform you that Buildings & Fleet is planning a pilot project to contract daytime board-ups. ARTICLE 3, paragraph 6 states that, "...the City may act to contract or subcontract, any part of portion of its work without violation...".

This affects only board-ups during the first shift hours, Monday through Friday. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Len Moye of my staff at 286-8222.

Sincerely,

Venu J. Gupta
Superintendent,
DPW Buildings & Fleet

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