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Dear Supervisor Williams:

I have just read a copy of Norman Hickey's document to the Board of Supervisors reviewing the outcome of meetings with S.E.I.U., as well as other county employee organizations. Frankly, I was disappointed at what I saw.

Instead of a hard look at the proposals the Board and county employee organizations put on the table, what was presented was a mere re-hash of documents put together by Manuel Lopez, the Director of Financial Management. Instead of breaking new ground towards settling the budget deficit, the CAO engaged in an exercise designed to placate us, not to seriously consider or discuss our recommendations.

Our Union is persuaded to continue the search for additional savings or new revenue sources, but not without the cooperation of the county. Therefore, we would requested that you;

1) Direct the CAO to engage in serious discussions of all budget recommendations; and,

2) Delay closure of the Psychiatric Hospital, Vista Health Center, and the contracting out of custodial jobs;

3) Recommend against contracting out any units of the Psychiatric Hospital or Vista Health Center;

4) Dedicate any salary savings generated to the foregoing services and programs; and,

5) Delay any action to delete positions pending a full and thorough review of all cost savings and potential revenue sources.

As an indication of our good faith, the Union continues to negotiate a new "Voluntary Time-Off"(VTO) proposal for potential budget savings. However, this plan, by itself, will not solve the problem. We need to find additional sources of revenue or savings. Let us continue to explore a mutually beneficial resolution to the budget.

Sincerely,

ELISEO MEDINA, Executive Director
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