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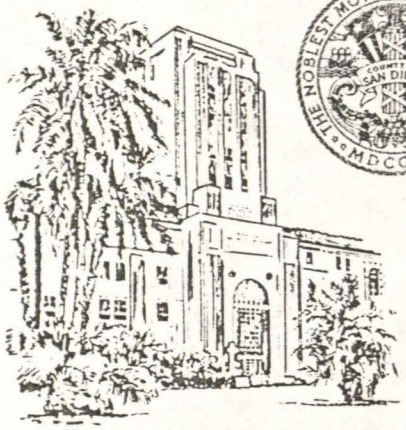

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February 3, 1992

Mr. Neil S. Wright
4104 Delta Street
San Diego, CA 92113

Dear Mr. Wright:

In January you wrote to me about the wages paid to bus drivers in our County transit system. As you know, the current suburban bus contract will expire in June of this year. The County is now requesting bids on the new contract and those bids must be submitted by February 21, 1992.

The County obtains bids in a two-step process administered by our Purchasing Department. Initially, minimum qualifications are outlined in order to identify those organizations which are eligible to bid for the contract. Once those organizations have been selected, they are asked to submit a bid to us.

The contract is then awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. A responsive, responsible bidder is one that has submitted all of the required information by our stated deadlines, and which submits a price that indicates an ability to provide all the services for which we have asked.

Simply put, market forces will determine which organization is awarded the contract. The County does require that each of its contractors comply with all Federal, State and local law with respect to wages. However, specific concerns over wage levels should be negotiated between employee and employer. The County does not regulate these levels with its private contractors.

You may have been informed that the County does set minimum wage requirements for those workers participating in construction projects. This action is taken only because we are required to do so by virtue of a federal mandate.

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I do appreciate your taking the time to express your concerns to me, and hope that you will continue to be an active participant in your local government. If either my staff or I can be of future assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Leon L. Williams
Supervisor, Fourth District

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