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SUPERVISOR
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Mr. Mel Katz, Chairman
Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce
402 West Broadway Suite 1000
San Diego, CA 92101-3585

Dear Mel,

Thank you for your letter regarding MTDB's Cross-Border Sale/Leaseback Transaction Contract. Like you, I have a strong desire to award valuable contracts to San Diego businesses and to help support our local economy.

This is a case, however, where a committee made up of technical staff from MTDB, the city of St. Louis and the city of Denver (both of which are part of the transaction), interviewed and rated each of the fifteen firms competing for this contract. The score for the firm being recommended exceeded 40 points on the rating scale. The highest-rated local firm came in below 28 points.

Our responsibility in this and similar situations is to raise funds to help finance MTDB projects and operations, and to protect the taxpayers' money. Therefore I believe we should be as sure as possible that the firm chosen is the most able, at this time, to fulfill the requirements of the job.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. My staff and I remain at your service.

Sincerely,

Leon L. Williams
Supervisor, Fourth District

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