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RE: Atlantic City Layoffs

Dear Mr. Neff:

As you know, we represent the Atlantic City Public Sector Unions including the PBA and Firefighters. We have just been informed this noon that Atlantic City is going to lay off 93 employees, most from the fire and police departments as scheduled on Thursday, September 30, 2010. The Union has requested that that date be extended for a period of one week to allow the Local Finance Board to consider the City's CAP waiver of \$4.8 million dollars.

The City has agreed that if the CAP waiver is granted in the amount sought that the concessions made by all of the Unions in the last 72 hours in excess of \$1.7 million necessary to assist the City would be adequate to avert the lay off. The Local Finance Board is not scheduled to consider the City's application until Monday, October 4, 2010.

The City and the Unions need an indication **NOW** at this time if the application is going to be favorably reviewed or if it will be rejected notwithstanding it is for about half of what was sought previously.

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The front page headlines in the Atlantic City Press yesterday indicates the fire department is substantially undermanned right now without a 30 person layoff occurring this week. Twenty police officers laid off in June should not be recurring again with forty police officer s this week. The Blue and White Collar Unions also cannot suffer more layoffs at this time if the City is to be preserved. May we please hear from you with a sense of urgency that this situation demands?

Very truly yours,

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