



PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, LOCAL 21, AFL-CIO
An Organization of Professional, Technical, and Administrative Employees

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Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of San Jose
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

**RE: Consideration of Action on a Ballot Measure on Pension Reform
Item 3.4**

Dear Mayor and Council,

IFPTE Local 21 is supportive of many elements contained within the memorandum written by Councilmembers Rocha and Pyle. We are certainly interested in continuing mediation as was written in the editorial pages of the Mercury News today.

As such, we wanted to assure you that we are understanding of your desire to place a pension reform measure before the voters in June and not have any undue delay in that respective timeline. To ensure that does not happen we are providing you with the following commitment:

IFPTE Local 21 waives additional impasses procedures that would inhibit our ability to continue mediation and work toward a negotiated agreement on retirement reform and related ballot measure. Specifically we would waive any right to utilize AB 646 as part of these continuing negotiations and we understand that a June 2012 election would require any agreement to be voted on in the form of a ballot measure by the city council 88-days prior to said June 2012 election.

A negotiated agreement is the best solution to enact lawful pension reform that will improve our collective ability to provide quality services to San Jose residents.

Sincerely,

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Chair of the San Jose Coalition

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