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FOR WAZIR ISHMAEL
CITY MANAGER

Dr. Ishmael:

During our last monthly meeting on January 8, 2015, I asked if you had a response to Local 2432's written inquiry regarding the City's intent to fund issuance of the 13th check for 2012. You stated that you needed additional time to look into the situation before you could give a definitive answer, which I acknowledged.

However, prior to any further response from you, at the latest Pension Board meeting on January 22, 2015, Matthew Lalla, the City's Finance Director and Ex Officio Pension Board Treasurer who happens to also serve as the City Manager's appointed Pension Board Trustee, stated that the City had no intention of post funding the 13th check for 2012. Incredibly, he then stated that the City would not be pre-funding the Pension Plan for future 13th check distributions. During public comments I, as Local 2432 President, addressed the Board and specifically asked Mr Lalla if I heard him correctly to which he again stated that the City had no intention of funding the Plan for the 13th check benefit. Present at that meeting were Robert Strauss, Barbara Armand, Larry Breightner, Ronald Bolton, Greg Benigno and myself.

At this juncture, I am somewhat perplexed that the above statements have been made publicly by the City's Financial Director especially since it is contrary to what you indicated during our meeting. Nonetheless, given Mr. Lalla's position with the City, I must ask that you provide me, in writing, the City's position regarding its intent to fund (pre-fund/post-fund) the Pension Plan for issuance of 13th check distributions

I thank you for your attention to this matter and await your response.

Chris Cassidy
President, AFSCME Local 2432

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