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Riverside Public Utilities Board
Gaby Plascencia Ward 5

Re: Letter of Support for West Coast Arborists – RFP for Utility Line Clearance and Vegetation Management (RFP No. 2087)

Dear Mrs. Plascencia:

LiUNA Local 1184 represents over 4,500 construction and maintenance workers in Riverside County, many of them residing in the City of Riverside and adjacent areas, and customers of the City of Riverside Public Utilities. On behalf of these hard working members and residents of Riverside, I ask am asking that the City award the contract for Utility Line Clearance and Vegetation Management to West Coast Arborists ("WCA").

We support the award of this work to WCA for several reasons:

- WCA has a proven track record of electric line clearance both in the City of Riverside and other parts of California. We know this first hand because our members (over 50 in the City of Riverside) perform this work for WCA, safely and efficiently, the last five years.
- The City of Riverside staff has recognized WCA's electric line clearance expertise when they recommended a one year extension to its prior contract with the City as being in "the best interests" of the City, stating: "WCA has successfully performed electric line clearance, tree trimming and vegetation management ... and staff have been satisfied with the performance and feedback regarding the work performed by WCA."
- WCA is bound to a collective bargaining agreement with LiUNA

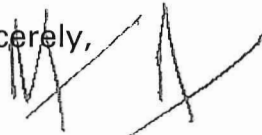
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that not only sets forth good working terms and conditions of employment for these workers, but requires WCA to make out members' work as safe as possible, not only for our members and their families, but for all of the residents of this City.

- While maintaining the highest level of service and safety in the electric line tree clearance industry, WCA was also the most competitive in pricing and submitted a bid that is lower on a per tree basis than any other bidders for "Zone Line Clearance (All Trees Including Palms). This cost savings should be especially important to this the City now.

We ask you to award the work to WCA, or extend its current contract for the work. It is the right thing to do: WCA hires locally; WCA and our local members perform the work safely and efficiently; and WCA will perform the work at the most cost-effective price for the benefit of ratepayers and all City residents.

Sincerely,



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