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Re: *County of San Benito and Service Employees International Union Local 521*
Case No. SF-IM-131-M

Dear Interested Parties:

On October 28, 2013, Service Employees International Union, Local 521 (SEIU) filed a request for factfinding with the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB or Board) pursuant to section 3505.4 of the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA) and PERB Regulation 32802.¹ SEIU asserts that the County of San Benito (County) and SEIU have been unable to effect a settlement in their current negotiations. SEIU further asserts that impasse was declared on October 8, 2013, and that a mediator was not appointed.

PERB determines that the instant factfinding request meets the requirements of PERB Regulation 32802(a)(2). In a letter submitted by counsel for both parties dated October 28, 2013, the parties requested that PERB designate November 17, 2013, as the date by which the parties must identify their respective panel members and any agreed-upon chair of the factfinding panel.

Accordingly, each party must select its factfinding panel member and notify this office in writing of his/her name, title, address and telephone number no later than November 17, 2013.² Service and proof of service are required.

¹ The MMBA is codified at Government Code section 3500 et seq. PERB Regulations are codified at California Code of Regulations, title 8, section 31001 et seq. The text of the MMBA and PERB Regulations may be found at www.perb.ca.gov.

² This deadline, and any other referenced, may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

The résumés of seven factfinders, drawn from the PERB Panel of Neutrals, are being provided to the parties via electronic mail.³ The parties may mutually agree upon one of the seven, or may select any person they choose, whether included on the PERB Panel of Neutrals or not. In no case, however, will the Board be responsible for the costs of the chairperson.

If the parties select a chair, the parties should confirm the availability of the neutral, prior to informing PERB of the selection.

Unless the parties notify PERB, on or before November 17, 2013, that they have mutually agreed upon a person to chair their factfinding panel, PERB will appoint one of these seven individuals to serve as chairperson.

Sincerely,



Ronald Pearson
Senior Regional Attorney

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³ The seven neutrals whose résumés are being provided are Nancy Hutt, John Kagel, John Moseley, C. Allen Pool, G. Robert Riggs, Carol A. Vendrillo, and David A. Weinberg.