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Andy Stern
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Re: Appeal of Decision to Postpone Trusteeship

Dear Andy Stern:

UHW hereby appeals your decision to refuse our request to postpone the trusteeship hearing currently scheduled to begin on September 26-27, 2008.

On yesterday's call with the hearing officer, Secretary Marshall stated that in his view a postponement would be a good thing, but that he was told that the hearing date could not be cancelled because of "logistical" reasons. See my attached letter, dated September 22, 2008. Those logistics are completely within SEIU's control.

Logistics, however, support a postponement. Dan Martin, from UHW, who has been handling the logistics with both the San Mateo police department and the San Mateo Events Center reports (by the attached email) that both the San Mateo police department and the San Mateo Events Center have requested SEIU postpone the hearing due to expected crowd. Apparently SEIU represented to the Events Center that SEIU was simply having a "business meeting," rather than disclosing the anticipated size and scope of the meeting. They had no idea that UHW was expecting several thousand members to participate in the proceedings.

In SEIU's press release issued today, you assert that the trusteeship process being put forth in a way that 'is designed to ensure a fair hearing.'

Prohibiting our union from having an appropriate amount of time to prepare a defense hardly ensures a fair hearing.

Accordingly, we hereby appeal your decision and ask that you submit the decision to the full International Union's Executive Board.

Sincerely,

John Borsos
Administrative Vice-President

Cc: Secretary Ray Marshall
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