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Hi John. Just wanted to make you aware of my conversations last week with representatives of the San Mateo Event Center related to the UHW trusteeship hearings scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 26 & 27. Laura Kurre, Diane Tewalt and I met with both Dana Stoehr and Chris Carpenter, the Assistant General Manager and the General Manager of the San Mateo Event Center on Wednesday, September 17. I had scheduled the meeting in preparation for UHW's participation in the trusteeship hearings. When I explained what our needs would be as well as the anticipated level of participation of our members, they were very much caught off guard. They had no idea of the size and scope of the hearing. In fact, when I asked them if SEIU had explained what the hearings would be, they responded by saying that SEIU referred to it simply as a business meeting. They had no idea that thousands of UHW members would likely be participating. When I told them about the UHW member participation on July 14 down in Manhattan Beach, they were very concerned and clearly taken by surprise. They told me that they had communicated their concerns to the San Mateo police department who had similar concerns and were predisposed to cancel the hearing at the Event Center to a later date when there would be no other events scheduled for the Center (during the weekend of September 26 & 27, they were already scheduled to host off-track betting as well as a pet expo). In fact, at the conclusion of our meeting, they (Stoehr and Carpenter) said that they would be calling SEIU and ask that the hearing for the 26 & 27 be cancelled and moved to a date in October. They said that the San Mateo Police Department was in agreement with making this request. On Friday morning, September 18, Dana Stoehr called to inform me that SEIU was refusing to move the hearing date, and that a contract had been signed, and that they were insisting on moving forward. It should also be noted that SEIU would not have lost any money related to the cost of the Event Center itself because it was the Event Center asking for the postponement. Anything SEIU had paid to the Event Center would have been credited to a future date according to Chris Carpenter, the San Mateo Event Center General Manager. Since that time, UHW staff have been working closely with the Event Center staff to make this difficult situation work.