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Via E-mail rwardlaw@cabq.gov & US Mail

Rebecca E. Wardlaw
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Re: Certification and Decertification

Dear Ms. Wardlaw:

Today we received a copy of a letter from Mayor Berry dated October 5, 2011 in which he purports to "certify" the results of the election between AFSCME Local 624 and NMTU and "decertify" AFSCME Local 624 as the exclusive representative for City Motor Coach Operators and Van Chauffeurs. The letter also states that union dues deductions for these employees will be terminated on October 8, 2011.

Please be advised that AFSCME Local 624 considers the Mayor's actions to be a direct violation of the Board's order setting the election and a prohibited practice under the City of Albuquerque Labor Management Relations Ordinance. It is the position of AFSCME Local 624 that this election is disputed and the Board must issue its order on the objections prior to any certification or decertification taking place.

I request that the letter written by the Mayor be immediately rescinded in writing with a copy sent to me. If you fail to take this action, we will take this issue before the City of Albuquerque Labor Management Relations Board and exercise all rights due AFSCME Local 624 under the Labor Management Relations Ordinance..

Sincerely,

Marianne Bowers

cc (via e-mail & US mail): Paul Livingston
Dina Holcomb
Mary Scott
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Rocky Gutierrez

