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OPEN LETTER

Judy Rogers City Manager City of Vancouver 453 West 12th Avenue Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

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Dear Ms Rogers and Mr. Whitney:

Re: Immediate Return to Bargaining to Resolve Vancouver Civic Strike

We are now entering the eighth week of the civic strike. We all know that it can only be resolved in one way – a return to the bargaining table in order to reach a collective agreement that will restore city services and return our members to work.

We recognize your executive authority as Chief Administration Officer and Chief Librarian to direct your bargaining committees to the table and call on you to do so in the interests of our members and all Vancouver residents.

Please accept this letter as an invitation to return to bargaining on Tuesday, September 11, 2007. Should you prefer third party assistance we would be prepared to agree to the appointment of a mediator or facilitator to assist the parties. Please advise if you will be accepting our offer to reconvene negotiations by day-end, Monday, September 10, 2007, so that appropriate facilities can be arranged.

Let's work together to restore civic services to the residents of Vancouver and return its unionized civic employees to work.

Yours truly,

Alexandra Youngberg

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