



# AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION

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RE: Your Letter Dated November 30, 2016

Dear Larry,

Thank you for your letter dated November 30, 2016 in which you stated that you do not support, nor think it is wise for the members of Local 757 to seek an election to sever the TriMet and the three Paratransit bargaining units into a separate ATU Local. We agree that such a movement is a disservice to the members of our Local.

As stated in my previous letter, what we have are two disgruntled former full-time Union officers who lost their elections. We have been told that both Bruce Hansen and Evette Farra have contacted the International over this issue.

Their effort to remove the TriMet and the three Paratransit bargaining units from Local 757 is meaningless in that, the content of their petition does not clearly define the action that is necessary in order to accomplish their intended goal. Therefore, the petition is seriously misleading members about the potential consequences of their actions.

That being said, as a Local, we are deeply saddened and concerned that we have a group of members that are unhappy to the point of going through efforts to convince other members that dividing our Local is in their best interest. As the elected representatives of this Local, our top priority is putting what is in the best interest of our membership first.

While we appreciate your offer to facilitate operational meetings here in Portland with International Officers, please understand that with the number of open contracts throughout the Local, the schedules of the full-time officers make it difficult to schedule other events, particularly at this time of year.

As you know, we have a two-day International training scheduled for December 17-18. This will provide us a perfect opportunity to redirect the dialogue that is currently going on in our Local. We are hopeful that the new one-on-one communication skills that we will develop with your help will re-invigorate and re-engage our membership, that it will remind our members that we are stronger together.

We want to again thank you for your response and we will schedule a follow-up with a time to discuss the issue at the upcoming training.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Shirley Block". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shirley Block  
President-Business Representative

cc: All Officers of the ATU Local  
Evette Farra  
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