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Michael Hartig  
 Election Committee Chair 2021  
 ATU Local 757  
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 Portland, OR 97232  
 c/o: [atu757election@atu757.org](mailto:atu757election@atu757.org)

Dear Mr. Hartig:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the upcoming Union election cycle. There is an article in our current Labor Agreement that address the issue of Union activities during an election. Per 6.3, we agree to permit duly authorized representatives of the Union to have access to the premises for the purpose of conferring with other Union members, subject to security regulations, provided that such representative obtains advance permission from the Transit Manager, or their delegate, notifies of the reason for their presences, and does not interfere with our operations. Please consider this letter to be approval to come on site during the election cycle to meet with Union members about elections, so long as those meetings do not obstruct business activities, and all current COVID-19 safety and security measures are followed.

Historically, Valley Transit has offered the training room and conference room as private areas for use by the Union for elections, but the training room has been repurposed since 2018 and now serves as an office and cannot be used. We will agreeable to the use of the conference room as a private location to meet with union members at the end of their shifts. However, during part of the election cycle there is an Operator training class taking place, and the room will not be available on days that classroom training is taking place. On these days, use of either the Operations break room or the Maintenance break room will be permitted, but these spaces are not private. We do request that candidates not meet with Operators at the downtown Transfer Center, as their layover time is limited. The following table lists shift ending times where candidates may wish to meet with employees. This schedule covers the election window of May 10, 2021 through June 16, 2021.

Shift End Time	Potential # of Employees	Work Classification
9:45-9:55 am	3	Fixed Route
1:00 pm	1	Paratransit
1:30	1	Custodian, Mechanic
2:00 pm	1	Bus Cleaner
2:25-2:55 pm	4	Fixed Route, Custodian
4:30 pm	1	Paratransit
5:00 pm	1	Mechanic
5:30 pm	1	Paratransit
6:00 pm	8	Fixed Route
8:00 pm	1	Mechanic
9:00 pm	5	Bus Cleaner, Custodian
11:30 pm	1	Job Access

Please ask the candidates to let us know when they arrive, and we will be glad to show them to the room that is available for use that day.

Sincerely,



Angie Peters

General Manager  
Valley Transit

CC: Mark Brotherton, Union Liaison Officer

Danielle Bower, ATU Administrative Secretary

Lowell Nee, Valley Transit Operations Manager