



St. Petersburg Association of Firefighters Local 747

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President

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Rose McCormick
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RE: Interfering with "Internal Union Affairs"

Dear Rose:

It has come to my attention that during the April 8th 2008 "Officers Meeting", Fire Chief Large and Assistant Chief James O. Wimberly Jr. counseled those present to urge the members of our bargaining unit to approve the proposed collective bargaining agreement that is the subject of a ratification vote. As failure to ratify would be futile inasmuch as the City Council would ultimately vote to impose its terms on the bargaining unit.

I have instructed our attorney to determine if the Chief's conduct amounts to an unfair labor practice. Pending the outcome of that inquiry, I urge you to take whatever steps are necessary to insure that upper management within the fire department does not further interfere in internal union affairs.

As always, if you should have any questions, please feel free to call me anytime.

Sincerely,

Winthrop M. Newton, President
St. Petersburg Association of Firefighters, IAFF 747

Cc: Honorable Mayor Rick Baker
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