

## County of Los Angeles

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Phillip A. Washington Chief Executive Officer Metropolitan Transportation Authority One Gateway Plaza Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Washington:

With a transportation system that moves approximately 1.5 million persons a day, the need for a properly equipped policing and security force is paramount to system security and the public's perception of safety. Authority, in conjunction with the scope of work personnel perform, is a cornerstone in any force's effectiveness. I would like to express my support of Metro management and Teamsters Local 911's joint interest in pursuing legislation aimed at enhancing Metro Security authority. Such codified authority would ensure personnel have the requisite tools to perform tasks associated within their scope of work in maintaining the safety and security within the Metro system.

Legislation aimed at this tenet holds value and is a course of action I support Metro in pursuing.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Chief Ronene Anda, Transit Policing Division, at (213) 922-5219.

Sincerely,

JIM McDONNELL

SHERIFF