

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
FOR JOINT SUBMISSION  
TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGARDING THE  
LIBRARIANS  
EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION UNIT

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING made and entered into this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2006,

BY AND BETWEEN

Authorized Management Representatives (hereinafter referred to as "Management") of the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as "County"),

AND

LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, SEIU, LOCAL 660, CTW, CLC (hereinafter referred to as "Union")

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ARTICLE 1      PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding to promote and provide for harmonious relations, cooperation and understanding between Management and the employees covered by this Memorandum; to provide an orderly and equitable means of resolving any misunderstandings or differences which may arise under this Memorandum of Understanding; and to set forth the full and entire understanding of the parties reached as a result of good faith negotiations regarding the wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment of the employees covered by this Memorandum, which understanding the parties intend jointly to submit and recommend for approval and implementation to the County's Board of Supervisors.

ARTICLE 2            RECOGNITION

Section 1.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Employee Relations Ordinance of the County of Los Angeles and applicable State law, LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, was certified on December 2, 1969, by County's Employee Relations Commission (Employee Relations Commission File No. 13-69) as the majority representative of County employees in the Librarians Employee Representation Unit (hereinafter "Unit") previously found to be appropriate by said Employee Relations Commission. Management hereby recognizes LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, as the certified majority representative of the employees in said Unit. The term "employee" or "employees" as used herein shall refer only to employees employed by the County in the classifications listed in the Salaries Article of this agreement.

Section 2.

Management agrees to recognize LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, as the exclusive representative of the employees in said Unit when County rules, regulations or laws are amended and LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, has shown it has met the requirements of any such new rules.

ARTICLE 3            IMPLEMENTATION

This Memorandum of Understanding constitutes a mutual recommendation to be jointly submitted to County's Board of Supervisors. It is agreed that this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be binding upon the parties unless and until said Board of Supervisors:

- A. Acts, by majority vote, formally to approve said Memorandum of Understanding;
- B. Enacts necessary amendments to all County ordinances, including the Los Angeles County Code, required to implement the full provisions hereof; and
- C. Acts to appropriate the necessary funds required to implement the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding which require funding.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the Board of Supervisors fails to take all actions necessary to timely implement this Memorandum of Understanding, it is understood that the parties may mutually agree to implement appropriate provisions of this Memorandum which do not require specific approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Implementation shall be effective as of the date approved by the Board of Supervisors. If the parties do not mutually agree to implement appropriate provisions of this Memorandum not requiring approval by the Board of Supervisors, then negotiations shall resume upon the request of either party

ARTICLE 4            AUTHORIZED AGENTS

For the purpose of administering the terms and provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding:

- A. Management's principal authorized agent shall be County's Chief Administrative Officer, or his/her duly authorized representative (Address: 222 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 90012; Telephone: (213) 974-2404), except where a particular Management representative is specifically designated in connection with the performance of a specific function or obligation set forth herein.
  
- B. The LACEA, Local 660, SEIU principal authorized agent shall be the General Manager, or his/her duly authorized representative (Address: 500 South Virgil Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90020; Telephone: (213) 368-8660).

ARTICLE 5            OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT

The parties agree that subsequent to the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding and during the period of time said Memorandum is pending before the Board of Supervisors for action, neither LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, nor Management, nor their authorized representatives, will appear before the Board of Supervisors or meet with members of the Board of Supervisors individually to advocate any amendment, addition or deletion to the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding. It is further understood that this Article shall not preclude the parties from appearing before the Board of Supervisors nor meeting with individual members of the Board of Supervisors to advocate or urge the adoption and approval of this Memorandum of Understanding in its entirety.

ARTICLE 6            NON-DISCRIMINATION

The parties mutually recognize and agree fully to protect the rights of all employees covered hereby to join and participate in the activities of LACEA, Local 660, SEIU and all other rights in the Employee Relations Ordinance and Government Code, Sections 3500 through 3511.

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be applied equally to all employees covered hereby without favor or discrimination because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, political or religious opinions or affiliations, or disability status or other factors not directly related to the successful performance of the job.

ARTICLE 7      TERM

The term of this Memorandum of Understanding shall commence on the date when the terms and conditions for its effectiveness as set forth in Article 3, Implementation, are fully met, but in no event shall said Memorandum of Understanding become effective prior to 12:01 a.m. on October 1,2006. This Memorandum of Understanding shall expire and otherwise be fully terminated at 12:00 midnight on September 30,2009.

ARTICLE 8            RENEGOTIATIONSection 1.            Calendar for Negotiations

In the event either party hereto desires to negotiate the provisions of a successor Memorandum of Understanding, such party shall serve upon the other its written request to commence negotiations as well as its initial written proposals for such successor Memorandum of Understanding, during the period of, May 15 to May 31, 2006.

Negotiations shall begin no later than July 15, 2009. If full and entire agreement on the terms of a successor Memorandum of Understanding is not reached by July 31, 2009, an impasse shall be automatically declared on those issues which remain in dispute unless the parties mutually agree to continue negotiations.

ARTICLE 9            WORK RELEASE TIME TO ATTEND SUCCESSOR MOU  
NEGOTIATIONS

It is the intent of the parties to engage in good faith negotiations and endeavor to reach agreement on a successor Memorandum of Understanding.

The Chief Administrative Office/Employee Relations Division will meet and consult with SEIU Local 660 thirty (30) calendar days prior to the commencement of negotiations for the purpose of obtaining information to ensure the release of a reasonable number of departmental employee representatives to attend and participate in successor contract negotiations.

For employees working an evening or night shift the Chief Administrative Office/Employee Relations Division will coordinate temporary work schedule/shift changes with Departments subject to operational considerations to facilitate negotiations for a successor MOU.

The parties shall be guided by past bargaining practice and ERCOM decisional precedent in releasing employee representatives to attend contract negotiations.

SEIU Local 660 shall provide a final list containing the names and departments for bargaining committee members (regular members and alternates) to the Chief Administrative Office/Employee Relations Division at least 30 days prior to the commencement of negotiations.

ARTICLE 10            COORDINATED BARGAINING

The parties agree that coordinated bargaining shall take place between the County and SEIU's Local 660 Bargaining Policy Committee. Such bargaining shall include general salary movement, employee benefits, term and common language provisions. Common language provisions shall be included in the individual unit MOUs.

Individual unit tables will continue to bargain economic matters including special pay practices, bonuses, recruitment and retention adjustments, step increases, differentials, and other compensation unique to their MOUs. Individual unit tables will also continue to bargain operational issues such as transfers, caseloads, training and other matters which are unique to their MOUs

The Parties agree that the Fringe Benefits MOU will continue to be bargained between the County and SEIU's Local 660 Bargaining Policy Committee.

ARTICLE 11      GRIEVANCE PROCEDURESection 1.      Purpose

The purpose of the grievance procedure is to provide a just and equitable method for the resolution of grievances without discrimination, coercion, restraint, or reprisal against any employee or employees who may submit or be involved in a grievance.

Section 2.      Definitions

1.      Wherever used the term "employee" means either employee or employees as appropriate.
2.      "Grievance" means a complaint by an employee concerning the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding or of rules and regulations governing personnel practices or working conditions, which complaint has not been resolved satisfactorily in an informal manner between an employee and his/her immediate supervisor.
3.      "Business Days" mean calendar days exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal Holidays.

Section 3.      Responsibilities

1.      LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, agrees to encourage an employee to discuss his/her complaint with his/her immediate supervisor. The immediate supervisor will, upon request of an employee, discuss the employee's complaint with him/her at a mutually satisfactory time.

2. Departmental Management has the responsibility to:
  - A. Inform an employee of any limitation of the department's authority to fully resolve the grievance; and
  - B. Supply the employee with the necessary information to process his/her grievance to the proper agency or authority.
3. The Union agrees to encourage an employee, who files a formal written grievance, to state clearly and concisely the specific action(s) being grieved, the article(s) violated and the specific remedy requested. If the grievance is returned to the employee, Management will state in writing the reasons for the return. If the grievance was timely filed, new time limits will be established in accordance with Section 7, Level 1 of this grievance procedure.

Section 4.           Waivers and Time Limits

1. Failure by Management to reply to the employee's grievance within the time limits specified automatically grants to the employee the right to process the grievance to the next level.
2. Any level of review, or any time limits established in this procedure, may be waived or extended by mutual agreement confirmed in writing.
3. If an employee fails to appeal from one level to the next level within the time limits established in this grievance procedure, the grievance shall be considered

settled on the basis of the last decision and the grievance shall not be subject to further appeal or reconsideration.

4. By mutual agreement, the grievance may revert to a prior level for reconsideration.

Section 5.            Employee Rights and Restrictions

1. The employee has the right to the assistance of a Union representative in the preparation of his/her written grievance, and to represent the employee in formal grievance meetings. Subject to mutual agreement, considering the nature and complexity of the grievance, an employee may have additional representative(s).
2. The grievant may be required by either party to be present in meetings with Management for purposes of discussing the grievance.
3. A County employee selected as a representative in a grievance is required to obtain the permission of his/her immediate supervisor to absent him/herself from his/her duties to attend a grievance meeting. The employee representative shall give his/her supervisor reasonable advance notice to ensure that his/her absence will not unduly interfere with Departmental operations.
4. An employee may present his/her grievance to Management on County time. In

scheduling the time, place and duration of any grievance meeting, both the employee and Management will give due consideration to the duties each has in the essential operations of the department. No employee shall lose his/her rights because of Management imposed limitations in scheduling meetings.

Section 6.                    The Parties' Rights and Restrictions

1. Only a person selected by the employee and made known to Management prior to a scheduled formal grievance meeting shall have the right to represent or advocate as an employee's representative.
  2. If the employee elects to be represented in a formal grievance meeting, the department may designate a Management representative to be present at such meeting.
  3. Management shall notify LACEA, Local 660, SEIU of any grievance involving the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding.
  4. The LACEA, Local 660, SEIU representative has the exclusive right to represent employees at any formal grievance meeting concerning a grievance that directly involves the interpretation or application of the specific terms and provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding.
1. If the LACEA, Local 660, SEIU representative elects to attend any formal grievance meeting, he/she must inform departmental Management prior to such

meeting. The department may also designate a Management representative to be present at such meeting.

6. Only County employees who have direct, first-hand knowledge of the event giving rise to the grievance may be called on as witnesses by the grievant. Such witnesses may attend formal grievance hearings on paid County time.

Section 7.            Procedures

Level 1.            Supervisor

- A. Within ten (10) business days from the occurrence of the matter on which a complaint is based, or within ten (10) business days from his/her knowledge of such occurrence, an employee shall file a formal written grievance. Three copies of the departmental grievance form shall be completed by the employee stating the nature of the grievance and the remedy requested from his/her departmental Management. The employee shall submit two copies to his/her immediate supervisor and retain the third copy.
- B. Within ten (10) business days the immediate supervisor shall give his/her decision in writing to the employee on the original copy of the grievance and the reasons therefore.

Level 2.            Library Administrator/Section Head

Within ten (10) business days from his/her receipt of the immediate Supervisor's written decision and using the returned original copy of the grievance from, the employee may

appeal to the Regional Administrator, who shall discuss the grievance with the immediate supervisor concerned and the employee within ten (10) business days from receipt of the grievance. The employee may request that said meeting include both the Supervisor and the Regional Administrator. The request may be granted at the sole discretion of the Regional Administrator. The Regional Administrator shall give a written decision and the reasons, therefore, to the employee using the original copy of the grievance. Upon request, a copy of the decision will be given to the Union Representative.

Level 3.                    Service Chief

Within ten (10) business days from his/her receipt of the decision at Level 2, the employee may appeal to the appropriate Service Chief using the original copy of the grievance. The Service Chief will discuss the grievance with the employee, and within ten (10) business days from receipt of the grievance, shall give a written decision and the reasons therefore to the employee and the union representative using the original copy of the grievance.

Level 4.                    Department Head

- A. Within ten (10) business days from his/her receipt of the decision at Level 3, the employee may appeal to the Department Head using the original copy of the grievance.
  
- B. Within ten (10) business days from the receipt of the employee's grievance, the Department Head or his/her designated representative who has not been

involved in the grievance in prior levels shall make a thorough review of the grievance, meet with the parties involved and give a written decision and the reasons therefore to the employee and the Union representative. However, the Department Head or designate is not limited to denying a grievance for the reasons stated at any previous level in the procedure.

- C. If the Department Head or his/her designated representative fails to give a decision within the specified time limit, the Union shall have the option of referring a grievance alleging a violation of the negotiated agreement between the parties to arbitration.
- D. On matters that are not subject to arbitration pursuant to Section 8 hereafter, the written decision of the Department Head or his/her designated representative shall be final.

Section 8.            Arbitration

1. Within thirty (30) business days from the receipt of the written decision of the Department Head, or his/her designated representative, LACEA, Local 660, SEIU may request that the grievance be submitted to arbitration as provided for hereinafter.
2. Only those grievances which directly concern or involve the interpretation or application of the specific terms and provisions of this Memorandum of

Understanding may be submitted to arbitration hereunder. In no event shall such arbitration extend to:

- A. The interpretation, application, merits or legality of any state or local law or ordinance, including specifically all ordinances adopted by County's Board of Supervisors; unless the arbitrator, in his/her discretion, finds it necessary to interpret or apply such state or local law in order to resolve the grievance which has been submitted to the arbitrator.
  
- B. The interpretation, application, merits, or legality of any or all of the County of Los Angeles Civil Service Rules, nor matters under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission for which said Commission has established procedures or processes by which employees or employee organizations may appeal to, or request review by, said Civil Service Commission, including, but not limited to, discharges, reductions, and discrimination.
  
- C. The interpretation, application, merits or legality of the rules or regulations of the Department Head, the Chief Administrative Office, or any other County Department, agency, or commission, unless the arbitrator, in his/her discretion, finds it necessary to interpret or apply such rules or regulations in order to resolve the grievance which has been submitted to the arbitrator.
  
- D. Grievances on competent or better performance evaluations which do not

meet the guidelines set forth at the Employee Relations Commission meeting of December 19, 1986. Management shall notify the Union within fifteen business days prior to hearing if it intends to argue arbitrability. Both parties reserve the right to challenge a Commission decision in other forums.

3. In the event LACEA, Local 660, SEIU desires to request that a grievance, which meets the requirement of Paragraph 2 hereof, be submitted to arbitration, it shall within the time requirements set forth above send a written request to County's Employee Relations Commission, with a copy thereof simultaneously transmitted to County's Chief Administrative Officer and to the County Department Head or Officer affected. The written request shall set forth the specific issue or issues still unresolved through the grievance procedure and which are to be submitted to arbitration.
4. The parties shall select a mutually acceptable arbitrator and request the Employee Relations Commission to appoint him/her pursuant to their applicable rules and regulations. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator, they shall notify the Employee Relations Commission and request that they provide the parties with a list of five names from which the parties will attempt to mutually select an arbitrator. If the parties cannot mutually agree upon an arbitrator from the lists of arbitrators provided by the Employee Relations Commission, they will select an arbitrator through an alternate striking of names from that list. The party to strike the first name will be determined by chance.

5. Arbitration of a grievance hereunder shall be limited to the formal grievance as originally filed by the employee to the extent that said grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved. Arbitration hereunder shall be conducted in accordance with applicable rules and procedures adopted or specified by County's Employee Relations Commission, unless the parties hereto mutually agree to other rules or procedures for the conduct of such arbitration. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the parties involved, it being understood and agreed that all other expenses including, but not limited to, fees for witnesses, transcripts, and similar costs incurred by the parties during such arbitration, will be the responsibility of the individual party involved.
6. Prior to a hearing by an arbitrator, a representative of the County and the Union shall meet and prepare a submission statement setting forth the issue(s) to be determined which shall be submitted to the arbitrator. In the event the County and the Union cannot jointly agree on a submission statement, then at the hearing, each party shall present to the arbitrator, its own submission statement in which case the arbitrator shall determine the issue(s) to be resolved.
7. The decision of an arbitrator resulting from any arbitration of grievances hereunder shall not add to, subtract from, or otherwise modify the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

8. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding upon the Union. To the extent the decision and award of the arbitrator does not require legislative action by the Board of Supervisors, such decision and award shall be binding upon the County. If within sixty (60) days of receiving notice of a decision and award requiring legislative action by the Board of Supervisors, such legislative action is not taken, the arbitrator's decision and award shall have no force or effect whatsoever. The Union may then resort to a court of competent jurisdiction to pursue whatever other legal remedies are available to it under the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.
  
9. A written decision of an arbitrator resulting from the arbitration of a grievance under the following Articles shall be entirely advisory in nature and shall not be binding upon any of the parties:
  - Purpose
  - Recognition
  - Non-Discrimination
  - Implementation
  - Term
  - Renegotiation
  - Safety and Health
  - Payroll Deductions and Dues
  - Authorized Agents
  - Provisions of Law
  - Workplace Retraining
  - New Employee Orientation

ARTICLE 12      GRIEVANCE MEDIATION

1. This procedure is an alternate dispute resolution and does not supersede the provision of Article 11, Grievance Procedure.
2. Only those grievances which meet the requirements for submission to arbitration pursuant to Article 11, Section 8, can be submitted to grievance mediation. Both 660 and Management must mutually agree to submit a qualifying grievance to grievance mediation.
3. After completion of the third level of the grievance procedure and by mutual agreement, either Management or Local 660 may request the assistance of a mediator from the State Mediation and Conciliation Service to resolve the grievance. It is the intent of the parties that the grievance mediation session shall begin as soon as practicable consistent with the mediator's schedule.
4. The parties agree that no stenographic record of the session will be made, there will be no representation by Counsel, and there will be no pre- or post-hearing briefs filed.
5. The mediator's role shall be to assist the parties to reach an agreement. The mediator shall not have authority to impose a settlement on the parties. Any final settlement of the grievance shall be reduced to writing and signed by

Management, Local 660, and the grievant. The final agreement shall be binding on all parties. Final agreements reached by the parties shall not be published or precedent setting in any other dispute.

6. The mediator may provide the parties with a private, informal, non-binding assessment of the procedural and substantive merits of the dispute, and how an arbitrator may likely decide the grievance.
7. All mediation sessions shall be confidential. The content of the mediation proceedings including, but not limited to, settlement proposal or any concessions agreed to or offered during mediation shall not be admissible in an arbitration of this grievance or any other similar dispute.
8. The parties agree that the provisions of this Article shall not be subject to arbitration.

ARTICLE 13      GRIEVANCES - GENERAL IN CHARACTER

In order to provide an effective mechanism whereby disagreements between LACEA, Local 660, SEIU and Management concerning the interpretation or application of any of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding affecting the rights of the parties or the working conditions of a significantly large number of employees in the unit may be effectively resolved, the following procedures are agreed upon:

- A. Where LACEA, Local 660, SEIU has reason to believe that Management is not correctly interpreting or applying any of the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, LACEA, Local 660, SEIU may request in writing that a meeting be held with the authorized representatives of the County who have authority to make effective recommendations for the resolution of the matter with copies to the Department Heads involved and to the Chief Administrative Officer. Such written request shall be submitted within 30 business days from the occurrence of the matter on which a complaint is based or within 30 business days from the knowledge of such occurrence and shall set forth in detail the facts giving rise to the request for the meeting and shall set forth the proposed resolution sought.

Within ten (10) business days of receipt of the request for such a meeting, the parties will meet for the purpose of discussing and attempting to resolve the disagreement.

- B. Within ten (10) business days of such meeting, and in the event the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, shall have the right to meet with the principal representative(s) of the County who have the authority to resolve the matter. For purposes of this provision, Management's principal representative(s) shall mean the County Department Heads who have authority to resolve the matter or their authorized representatives, including the Chief Administrative Officer or his/her authorized representative.
  
- C. Within ten (10) business days after the meeting, Management's principal representative(s) shall respond to LACEA, Local 660, SEIU in writing, setting forth Management's decision and reasons therefore.
  
- D. Within ten (10) business days from receipt of Management's written decision, if the matter is not satisfactorily resolved, and if the disagreement meets the requirements of Section 8, Subsection 2 of Article 11, the disagreement may be submitted to arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Article 11 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

It is further understood that this Article is not intended as a substitute or alternative for the grievance procedures set forth in Article 11 of this Memorandum of Understanding. Instead, this article is intended to provide a procedure to resolve disagreements affecting the rights of the parties or disagreements arising from the application of the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding affecting the working conditions of a

significantly large number of employees in the unit, as distinguished from the rights of individual employees. Accordingly, the parties agree that the procedures set forth herein shall not be implemented where the dispute or complaint involved is or could be effectively brought by an employee or employees, and otherwise processed through the grievance procedures set forth in Article 11 thereof.

ARTICLE 14            EXPEDITED ARBITRATION

1. This is an alternate to the procedure set forth in Section 8, Arbitration, of Article 11, Grievance Procedure and will only be utilized upon mutual written agreement of the parties.
  
2. A joint submission statement setting forth the issue(s) to be determined will be prepared prior to the hearing by an arbitrator. If the parties cannot agree to a submission statement, the expedited arbitration procedure will not be utilized.
  
3. Only those grievances which directly concern or involve the interpretation or application of the specific terms and provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding may be submitted to arbitration hereunder. In no event shall such arbitration extend to:
  - A. The interpretation, application, merits or legality of any state or local law or ordinance, including specifically all ordinances adopted by County's Board of Supervisors; unless the arbitrator, in his/her discretion, finds it necessary to interpret or apply such state or local law in order to resolve the grievance which has been submitted to the arbitrator.
  
  - B. The interpretation, application, merits, or legality of any or all of the County of Los Angeles Civil Service Rules, nor matters under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service Commission for which said Commission has established

procedures or processes by which employees or employee organizations may appeal to, or request review by, said Civil Service Commission, including, but not limited to, discharges, reductions, and discrimination.

- C. The interpretation, application, merits or legality of the rules or regulations of the Department Head, the Chief Administrative Office, or any other County department, agency or commission, unless the arbitrator, in his/her discretion, finds it necessary to interpret or apply such rules or regulations in order to resolve the grievance which has been submitted to the arbitrator.
- 4. It is agreed that representatives of the Chief Administrative Office, Employee Relations Division, and Local 660, SEIU, will meet and attempt to implement the procedure within sixty (60) business days from the implementation date of this Memorandum of Understanding.
  - 5. The parties shall select an arbitrator from the panel of arbitrators previously agreed to by the parties and established for the purpose of conducting expedited arbitration proceedings:
    - A. The arbitrator will be compensated at the contracted for flat daily rate. The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties. In addition, each party shall pay for all fees and expenses incurred by that party on its behalf, including but not limited to witness fees.

- B. The parties agree that 1) no stenographic record of the hearing will be made, 2) there will be no representation by counsel except for in-house staff counsel and 3) there will be no post hearing briefs.
6. The arbitrator selected shall hear the grievance(s) within ten (10) working days of his/her selection, and may hear multiple cases during the course of the day. However, six (6) hours of hearings will constitute one day.
  7. Arbitration of a grievance hereunder shall be limited to the formal grievance as originally filed by the employee to the extent that said grievance has not been satisfactorily resolved.
  8. The arbitrator shall issue a "bench" decision at the conclusion of the parties' testimony. Only by mutual agreement of the parties and the arbitrator will a written decision be issued.
  9. The decision of an arbitrator resulting from any arbitration of grievances hereunder shall not add to, subtract from, or otherwise modify the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding.
  10. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding upon the Union. To the extent the decision and award of the arbitrator does not require legislative action by the Board of Supervisors, such decision and award shall be binding upon the

County. If within sixty (60) days of receiving notice of a decision and award requiring legislative action by the Board of Supervisors, such legislative action is not taken, the arbitrator's decision and award shall have no force or effect whatsoever.

11. Election of this binding forum shall constitute a waiver by all parties to this process of all other administrative processes for the resolution of this dispute in whole or in part and the award shall not be appealed. The decision from this arbitration shall not be precedent setting.
  
12. The decision of an arbitrator resulting from the arbitration of a grievance under the following Articles shall be entirely advisory in nature and shall not be binding upon any of the parties:
  - Purpose
  - Recognition
  - Non-Discrimination
  - Implementation
  - Term
  - Renegotiation
  - Safety and Health
  - Payroll Deductions and Dues
  - Authorized Agents
  - Provisions of Law
  - Workplace Retraining
  - New Employee Orientation

ARTICLE 15            PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS AND DUES/AGENCY SHOPSection 1.            Deductions and Dues

It is agreed that Union dues and such other deductions as may be properly requested and lawfully permitted shall be deducted, in accordance with the provisions of applicable State law, monthly by Management from the salary of each employee covered hereby who files with County a written authorization requesting that such deductions be made or who is subject to an automatic Fair Share Fee or Agency Fee deduction pursuant to an agency shop provision.

Remittance of the aggregate amount of all dues and other proper deductions made from the salaries of employees covered hereunder shall be made to the Union by Management within thirty (30) working days after the conclusion of the month in which said dues and deductions were deducted.

Section 2.            Agency Shop Defined

It is mutually agreed by the parties that the term “agency shop” means that every employee represented by this Unit shall, as a condition of continued employment, either join the certified majority representative organization, or pay the organization a Fair Share Fee equal to Union dues or pay an Agency Shop Fee; or pay a sum equal to the Agency Shop Fee to a non-religious, and non-labor charitable fund exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

Section 3.            Religious Objections

An employee who is a member of a bona fide religion, body, or sect which has historically held conscientious objections to joining or financially supporting public employee organizations, shall not be required to join or financially support the Union. Such employees shall, in lieu of periodic dues or Fair Share Fees, pay sums equal to Agency Shop Fees to a non-religious, and non-labor charitable fund exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Such sums shall be paid through payroll deduction to eligible charitable agencies available through the Los Angeles County Charitable Giving Program.

Section 4.            Agency Shop

It is mutually agreed by the parties that this Unit is an agency shop Unit. It is the intent of the parties that the agency shop provisions in the Memorandum of Understanding comply with applicable state law (Government Code Section 3502.5).

Section 5.            Rescission

It is mutually agreed by the parties that the agency shop provisions in this Memorandum of Understanding may be rescinded by a majority vote of all the employees represented by this Unit, under procedures established by the Employee Relations Commission. In the event such agency shop provisions are rescinded, then the procedures as described in Section 1 and 6 shall prevail. There can only be one election during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 6.            Security Clause

Any employees in this unit who have authorized Union dues deductions on the effective date of this agreement or at any time subsequent to the effective date of this agreement shall continue to have such dues deduction made by the County during the term of this agreement; provided, however, that any employee in the Unit may terminate such Union dues during the period August 10 through August 31, 2009, by notifying the Union of their termination of Union dues deduction. Such notification shall be by certified mail and should be in the form of a letter containing the following information: employee name, employee number, job classification, department name and name of Union from which dues deductions are to be canceled. The Union will provide the County's Auditor-Controller with the appropriate documentation to process these dues cancellations within ten (10) business days after the close of the withdrawal period.

Section 7.            Union Responsibilities - Hudson Notice

The Union agrees to provide notice and maintain constitutionally acceptable procedures to enable non-member agency shop fee payers to meaningfully challenge the propriety of the use of agency shop fees as provided for in Chicago Teachers Union, Local No. 1, AFT, et al. v. Hudson, 106 S. Ct. 1066 (1986). Such notice and procedures shall be provided to non-member agency shop fee payers for each year that the agency shop agreement is in effect.

Section 8.            Implementation

Any employee hired by the County subject to this Memorandum of Understanding on or after the date of implementation of this Article, shall be provided, through the

employee's department, with a notice advising that the County has entered into an Agency Shop agreement with the Union and that all employees subject to the Memorandum of Understanding must either join the Union; pay a Fair Share Fee equal to Union dues; or pay an Agency Shop Fee to the Union; or execute a written declaration claiming a religious exemption from this requirement. Such notice shall include a payroll deduction authorization form for the employee's signature authorizing payroll deduction of Union dues, Fair Share Fees, Agency Shop Fees or execution of a written declaration claiming a religious exemption from this requirement. Said employee shall have thirty (30) working days following the initial date of employment to fully execute the authorization form of his/her choice and return said form to the Union or departmental payroll office. If the form is not completed and returned within thirty (30) working days, the County Auditor shall commence and continue a payroll deduction of a Fair Share Fee equal to Union dues from the regular pay warrants of such employee.

The effective date of deducting Union dues, Fair Share Fees, Agency Shop Fees, or charitable contributions shall be the first pay period following thirty (30) working days of employment or the pay period this Article becomes implemented for current employees, whichever is later.

Section 9.            List of New Employees/Separations

The County will furnish the Union with a monthly list of new employees/separations at the cost established by the Auditor-Controller for processing and photocopying documents. The list shall contain the name, employee number, date of hire into the

Unit, item step, salary rate, classification, title, item number, item sub work location, latest hire date and job appointment date of all employees who enter the Bargaining Unit and who are covered by this Memorandum of Understanding. Such list shall include new hires, and employees promoted, demoted or transferred into the Bargaining Unit. The monthly list shall also contain information which includes the names and effective dates of employees leaving this Bargaining Unit.

Section 10.            Indemnification Clause

The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the County of Los Angeles harmless from any liabilities of any nature which may arise as a result of the application of the provisions of this Article.

ARTICLE 16            NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION

Subject to prior approval of the Department Head, SEIU Local 660 representatives shall be notified of and participate in new employee orientations on County time for the sole purpose of providing employees information regarding SEIU Local 660 Union membership.

This Article shall be subject to advisory arbitration.

ARTICLE 17      MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

It is the exclusive right of the County to determine the mission of each of its constituent departments, boards, and commissions, set standards of services to be offered to the public, and exercise control and discretion over its organization and operations. It is also the exclusive right of the County to direct its employees, take disciplinary action for proper cause, relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons, determine the methods, means and personnel by which the County's operations are to be conducted, to reorganize any county department during the term of this agreement; however, Management shall at the earliest time possible meet and confer with the Union on the impact of any decision to reorganize when such issues are not covered by Civil Service rules or Memoranda of Understanding; provided, however, that the exercise of such rights does not preclude employees or their representatives from conferring or raising grievances about the practical consequences that decisions on these matters may have on wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment.

ARTICLE 18      FULL UNDERSTANDING, MODIFICATIONS, WAIVER

Section 1.

It is intended that this Memorandum of Understanding sets forth the full and entire understanding of the parties regarding the matters set forth herein, and any other prior or existing understanding or agreements by the parties, whether formal or informal, regarding any such matters are hereby superseded or terminated in their entirety. It is agreed and understood that each party hereto voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives its right, and agrees that the other shall not be required, to negotiate with respect to any subject or matter covered herein.

With respect to other matters within the scope of negotiations, negotiations may be required during the term of this agreement as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

Section 2.

It is understood and agreed that the provisions of this Section are intended to apply only to matters which are not specifically covered in this agreement.

It is recognized that during the term of this agreement it may be necessary for Management to make changes in rules or procedures affecting the employees in the Unit.

Where Management finds it necessary to make such change it shall notify the Union indicating the proposed change prior to its implementation.

Where such change would significantly affect the working conditions of a significantly large number of employees in the Unit; where the subject matter of the change is subject to negotiations pursuant to the Employee Relations Ordinance and where the Union requests to negotiate with Management, the parties shall expeditiously undertake negotiations regarding the effect the change would have on the employees in the Unit.

The phrase "significantly large number" shall mean (a) a majority of the employees in the Unit, (b) all the employees within a department in the Unit, or (c) all of the employees within a readily identifiable occupation such as Stenographer or Truck Driver.

Any agreement, resulting from such negotiations shall be executed in writing by all parties hereto, and if required, approved and implemented by County's Board of Supervisors. If the parties are in disagreement as to whether any proposed change is within the scope of negotiations, such disagreement may be submitted to the Employee Relations Commission for resolution.

In the event negotiations on the proposed change are undertaken, any impasse which arises may be submitted as an impasse to the Employee Relations Commission.

### Section 3.

Nothing herein shall limit the authority of Management to make necessary changes required during emergencies. However, Management shall notify the Union of such

changes as soon as practicable. Such emergency assignments shall not extend beyond the period of the emergency. "Emergency" is defined as an unforeseen circumstance requiring immediate implementation of the change.

#### Section 4.

Where Management makes any changes in working conditions because of the requirements of law, including ordinances adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the County shall not be required to negotiate the matter or manner of compliance with such law where the manner of compliance is specified by such law.

#### Section 5.

The waiver of any breach, term or condition of this Memorandum of Understanding by either party shall not constitute a precedent in the future enforcement of all its terms and provisions.

ARTICLE 19      PROVISIONS OF LAW

It is understood and agreed that this Memorandum of Understanding is subject to all current and future applicable Federal, State and County laws; Federal and State regulations; the Charter of the County of Los Angeles, and any lawful rules and regulations enacted by County's Civil Service Commission, Employee Relations Commission, or similar independent commissions of the County. If any part or provision of this Memorandum of Understanding is in conflict or inconsistent with such applicable laws, rules or regulations, or is otherwise held to be invalid or unenforceable by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, such part or provision shall be suspended and superseded by such applicable law, regulations, or rules, and the remainder of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not be affected thereby.

ARTICLE 20      CONTRACTING OUT AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONSSection 1.    Notice and Consultation

In the event the County enters into any agreement with another public employer or private entity which involves the transfer of functions now being performed by employees in this representation Unit or the law provides for the transfer of functions now being performed by employees in this Unit to another public or private agency, the County will advise such public or private entity of the existence and terms of this Memorandum of Understanding and will immediately advise the Union of such agreement or law. In addition, the County will consult with the employer absorbing a County function to encourage utilization of affected employees by the new employer. Prior to the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) the Department shall provide a copy of the RFP to SEIU Local 660 and in coordination with the Chief Administrative Office Employee Relations Division offer to meet and consult with the Union within ten (10) business days.

Section 2.    Impact of Changes

When advance knowledge of the impact of pending changes in function, organization, or operations is available which will result in the abolishment of positions or when there is any major reassignment of functions from one department to another or to another agency, Management will make an intensive effort to either reassign or transfer affected employees to other positions for which they qualify, or train affected employees for new positions in order to retain their services.

ARTICLE 21      STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

During the life of this agreement no work stoppages, strikes, slowdowns, or picketing shall be caused or sanctioned by the Union, and no lockouts shall be made by the County.

In the event any employees covered by this agreement, individually or collectively, violate the provisions of this Article and the Union fails to exercise good faith in halting the work interruption, the Union and the employees involved shall be deemed in violation of this Article and the County shall be entitled to seek all remedies available to it under applicable law.

ARTICLE 22            ALTERNATIVES TO LAYOFFS

Section 1            Board Policy on Work Force Reductions

It is the intent of the parties that during the term of this MOU to comply with the June 21 and April 4, 1995, Board Policy on workforce reductions.

If the County determines that workforce reductions are necessary, it will reduce to the greatest extent feasible the planned number of County personnel to be demoted or laid off by:

- a) discontinuing non-County contracted temporary personnel (Government Code Section 31000 et. seq.) who perform functions comparable to County positions subject to demotion or layoff, and
- b) take other action appropriate to mitigate the adverse impact on workforce reductions on permanent employees.

Permanent or temporary County employees laid off will not be replaced by a contract employee.

Section 2.            Department of Human Resources

The Department of Human Resources shall coordinate with Departmental management to implement Board Policy on workforce reductions on a County-wide basis and enhance the County's on-going efforts to find alternative placement for employees subject to layoff or demotion due to workforce reductions. Management shall factor in

attrition, implement transfers of qualified employees to available vacancies, recommend to the Board and/or CAO to reduce or discontinue departmental personnel services contracts, and allow voluntary demotions before laying off any member of a bargaining unit.

In order to further mitigate the adverse impact of workforce reductions the Department of Human Resources and Chief Administrative Office shall coordinate the use of the County's Enhanced Voluntary Time-off program with operating departments.

The Department of Human Resources and department Management shall implement a program which will match employees scheduled to be laid off with departments who are hiring workers.

### Section 3    Civil Service Rules

Nothing in Section 1 and 2 of this Article shall limit the Director of Human Resources or the appointing authority's discretion to implement layoffs pursuant to Civil Service Rules.

### Section 4    Proposition A Contracts

Where permanent employees in this Unit have received a notice of layoff, or are on a County re-employment list, the Department of Human Resources and department management will make every reasonable effort to place or, if laid off, rehire such employees prior to using any new Proposition A contract employee provided such County employees are qualified to perform the available work.

Nothing in Section 4 has any impact on Proposition A contracts in effect on October 1, 1993. New Proposition A Contracts do not include Proposition A contract renewals, extensions, or re-bids of existing Proposition A contracts.

Section 5     Notice Provisions for Layoffs and Demotions

To the greatest extent feasible the Department of Human Resources and/or Department Management will give ten (10) business days notice prior to any layoff, demotion, or involuntary transfer of a permanent County employee.

ARTICLE 23      EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The parties agree that the provisions of the Memoranda of Understanding regarding Fringe Benefits, Mileage and Retirement between the County of Los Angeles and SEIU, Local 660, in effect during the term of this agreement shall apply to employees in the Unit.

ARTICLE 24            ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Any permanent, full-time employee shall be entitled to additional compensation equivalent to two standard salary schedules for the performance of additional responsibilities of a higher level which are assigned or approved by the Department Head or designated Management representative and approved by the Chief Administrative Office.

Within ten (10) business days, the Department shall notify an employee in writing of the approval or denial of his/her written request for the additional responsibilities bonus.

To qualify for this additional compensation, a full-time, permanent employee must either perform significant duties of a higher level class or be assigned a special project or assignment which requires the performance of additional duties and carries additional responsibilities beyond those typically assigned to the employee's class. The assignment of additional duties normally performed by incumbents of the employee's class shall not qualify for this additional compensation.

This additional compensation shall begin on the first day the additional responsibilities are assigned by Management and performed by the employee and shall end on the day the additional responsibilities are no longer performed. Management shall notify the employee of the termination of any assignment for which he or she qualifies for the additional responsibilities bonus. In no event shall an employee receive compensation pursuant to this Section and receive the out-of-class bonus pursuant to Article 25 for the same assignment.

The additional compensation provided in this Article shall not constitute a base rate.

ARTICLE 25            OUT-OF-CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Section 1.            Definition

- A. For the purpose of this Article, an out-of-class assignment is the full-time performance of all the significant duties of an allocated vacant\*, funded position in one class by an individual in another class.
- B. The amount of the bonus shall be two standard salary schedules and shall not constitute a base rate. When a class is compensated on a flat rate, the amount of the bonus shall not exceed 5% of the base rate. Where the difference between rates of the employee's class and the out-of-class assignment is less than the above bonus, the employee shall receive the rate for the higher class. This bonus is paid pursuant to the conditions described below.

Section 2.            Conditions

- A. If an employee is assigned to an out-of-class assignment for more than twenty (20) consecutive working days, Management shall upon the employee's or Union's written request for relief either:

appoint the employee according to Civil Service Rules. If the person is appointed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of request for relief, no bonus under this article is to be paid;

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\*For the purpose of this article, vacancies due to leaves of absence shall be defined as in County Code Section 6.20.110.

return the employee to an assignment in his/her own class. If such return is made within thirty (30) calendar days of the request for relief, no bonus under this article is to be paid; or

pay the employee the bonus. The bonus is paid from the date of request for relief, and terminates when the conditions of this article are no longer met.

This bonus is not applicable to persons employed on a temporary, recurrent, or less than full time basis.

- B. It is the intent of Management to avoid working an employee on an out-of-class assignment for a prolonged period of time.

### Section 3. Special Provisions

- A. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the authority of Management to make temporary assignments to different or additional locations, shifts or work duties for the purpose of meeting emergency situations over which the department has no control. However, such assignment shall not extend beyond the period of such emergency.
- B. Nothing in this article shall be construed as limiting Management's authority to make temporary incidental assignments on higher rated classifications work, or to assign employees out-of-class for the purpose of training without any additional compensation for the duration of such training.

Written confirmation of such assignment will be placed in the employee's personnel file upon request of the employee.

- C. It is agreed that the provisions of this article will be applied within departments and districts within the County and is not intended to apply across departmental organizational units.
- D. Upon the employee's written request a written confirmation of his/her out-of-class assignment shall be placed in the employee's personnel file after completion of the out-of-class assignment. A copy will be provided to the employee.
- E. Grievances filed under this article may be filed under the expedited arbitration procedure set forth in this MOU.

ARTICLE 26            POSITION CLASSIFICATION STUDY

Section 1.            Definition and Authority

For the purpose of this article, a classification study is a study by the Director of Personnel or by the Personnel Office of the Department, of the duties and responsibilities assigned to a position in order to determine whether the position is properly classified.

Section 2.            Intent

It is the intention of the parties that this article be included only to inform employees of the established processes and procedures to follow when requesting a classification study on their own behalf, and to further inform them of the parties' understanding on the acknowledgment of such studies and follow-up reports.

Section 3.            Procedures

A request for a classification study by an employee who believes his/her position is misclassified must be submitted in writing to the employee's department. If the employee's department cannot support the employee's request, it will be returned to the employee within thirty (30) days with an explanation. If the employee still believes the request is justified, the employee has the right to resubmit the request to the employee's department, which shall in turn schedule and conduct a classification study as defined by the Director of Personnel.

Section 4.            Acknowledgment and Follow-Up Reports

Management agrees that all employee-initiated classification study requests shall be promptly acknowledged. Further, the department will inform the employee, and the Union may request a status report on the estimated completion date of the study. The departmental Management will keep the employee informed of study progress and forward written objections from the employee to either the Director of Personnel or the departmental Personnel Office, whichever is appropriate. It is further agreed that, if, within ninety (90) days, no action has been taken on an employee-initiated study, the departmental Personnel Officer or the Director of Personnel shall provide progress reports to the employee and to the Union upon the request of either.

The County agrees to provide Local 660 notice and consult pursuant to County Code Section 5.04.090 (A) regarding new classifications, the primary duties of which are derived from Local 660 represented classifications. Further, subject to approval of said new classifications by the Board of Supervisors, and upon accretion of said classes to the appropriate bargaining unit, upon the request of Local 660, the parties agree to negotiate and recommend proposed salaries to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Nothing in this paragraph shall limit Management's authority to classify or reclassify County positions pursuant to Civil Service Rule 5, Classification.

ARTICLE 27      PERSONNEL FILES

An employee, or his/her certified representative with the written consent of the employee, may inspect that employee's personnel file with the exception of all material obtained from other employers and agencies at the time that employee was hired.

An employee shall be advised of, and entitled to read, any written statement by the employee's supervisor or departmental Management regarding his/her work performance or conduct if such statement is to be placed in his/her personnel file. The employee shall acknowledge that he/she has read such material by affixing his/her signature on the copy to be filed, with the understanding that such signature merely signifies that he/she has read the material to be filed but does not necessarily indicate agreement with its content. If the employee refuses to sign, the supervisor shall note his/her refusal on the copy to be filed along with the supervisor's signature and the signature of a witness to the employee's refusal to sign.

The employee may file a grievance regarding any such document within the prescribed time limits of the grievance procedure. If the employee fails to file a grievance within the designated time limits, the document becomes part of the official file. If the employee does file a grievance within the designated time limits, said document shall not be placed in the official file nor referenced in any Performance Evaluation or Appraisal of Promotability until the grievance procedure or civil service appeal rights have been exhausted. Grievances filed under this provision shall not be subject to the Arbitration provisions of the Grievance Procedure unless they involve violation of a specific

provision of this agreement. Management agrees that no properly used full paid sick leave used in the twelve months immediately prior to an Appraisal of Promotability or a Performance Evaluation will be referenced on such forms.

On reviewing his/her personnel file, an employee may request and have any written warnings issued more than one year prior placed in an envelope and sealed in his/her personnel file except as such may be a part of an official permanent record. On the face of the sealed envelope it shall read "The contents herein shall be disclosed only upon written consent of the subject employee or by subpoena or other legal process from a public body of competent jurisdiction." The date the contents of the sealed envelope will be destroyed shall also appear on the face of envelope. That date shall be two (2) years from the date of issue of the documents in the sealed envelope.

An employee on reviewing his/her personnel file, may request and have any written warnings or reprimand(s) issued more than two (2) years prior removed from his/her personnel file except as such may be a part of an official permanent record.

ARTICLE 28            LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Section 1.            Medical Leave

Pursuant to applicable provisions of the Civil Service Rules, County Code, and other law, medical leaves of absence will be granted by the employee's Department Head upon request only upon submission of a doctor's certificate or other satisfactory medical evidence of the employee's need for such leave.

Section 2.            Educational Leave

Pursuant to applicable provisions of the Civil Service Rules, and subject to the staffing needs of the department, educational leaves will be granted to permanent employees upon presentation of a plan for schooling designed to improve the employee's value to the County, and evidence of acceptance by an accredited college or university.

Section 3.            Pregnancy Leave

The parties agree that departmental Management shall grant a leave of absence without pay to any full-time permanent employee who becomes disabled as a result of pregnancy, which disability prevents her from performing the duties of her position. Such leave must be requested in writing by the employee and will be granted pursuant to Civil Service Rules and such procedures as are determined by the Director of Personnel and by the Department Head.

The parties further agree that upon commencement of an authorized pregnancy leave of absence, any full-time permanent employee disabled as a result of pregnancy, which

disability prevents her from performing the duties of her position as certified by her primary care giver (physician, nurse practitioner or nurse mid-wife), may use sick leave benefits for which she is otherwise eligible in the same manner as for any other disability resulting from sickness or injury. Additionally, the employee may use accrued vacation, holiday or compensatory time when on an authorized pregnancy leave of absence during such period of disability.

Section 4.            Employee Organization Leave

LACEA, Local 660, SEIU requests for employee organizational leave for at least thirty (30) calendar days or more, shall be made in writing to CAO/Employee Relations Division and to the affected Department at least ten (10) business days in advance of the leave. LACEA, Local 660, SEIU may have no more than one (1) employee in the Bargaining Unit on leave of absence to accept employment with LACEA, Local 660, SEIU. These leaves are subject to the Civil Service Rules.

The employee must have a minimum of one (1) year's continuous employment with the County. The requested leave shall only be granted if the prime reasons for the leave shall be to conduct LACEA, Local 660, SEIU business as it is related to County functions. The leave shall be without County pay or benefits of any kind. In no case shall an individual employee's leave extend beyond a year. Except by mutual agreement, no more than one (1) employee shall be on such leave from any given department.

Section 5.            Family Leave

- A. The parties agree that employees covered by this Memorandum of Understanding are subject to the provisions of the State Family Rights Act of 1991 and the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Nothing in this Section is intended to provide additional benefits beyond what is mandated by Federal and/or State Law, except that a domestic partner and their children may qualify an employee as eligible for FMLA/CFRA.

- B. The parties agree that within sixty (60) days of implementation of this contract, upon the request of the employee, the County shall provide the employee with a summary of the County of Los Angeles Family Leave Policy Guidelines.
- C. Absences incurred for a Family Leave qualifying reason may not be used for purposes of placing or keeping an employee on certified time or cited or referenced in any Performance Evaluation or Appraisal of Promotability. Employees on certified time with FMLA qualifying absences shall not be required to provide medical certifications for those FMLA absences above and beyond the medical certification requirements in the County Family Leave Policy.
- D. An employee shall be entitled to file a grievance for violation of the provisions of this Article in addition to the rights provided by law.

Section 6.            Jury Duty and Witness Leave

During the time an employee is actually reporting to the court for jury duty and following receipt of "Certificate of Jury Service" (Jury Form 4), the Department Head or his/her designate will convert the employee's usual shift to a regular five-day Monday through Friday day-shift basis.

Any person holding a permanent position ordered to serve on a jury shall be entitled to his/her regular pay provided the employee deposits his/her fees for service, other than mileage, with the County Treasurer.

Whenever any full-time permanent employee is required to be absent from work by a proper subpoena, issued by a court or commission legally empowered to subpoena witnesses, which compels the employee's presence as a witness, unless the employee is a party or an expert witness, the employee shall be allowed the time necessary to be absent from work at the employee's regular pay to comply with such subpoena, provided the employee deposits any witness fees, except mileage, with the County Treasurer.

ARTICLE 29      ENHANCED VOLUNTARY TIME-OFF PROGRAMProgram Description:

EVTO is a special temporary program through which employees may individually volunteer to help reduce County Expenditures during periods of budgetary shortfall by taking one or more unpaid leaves of absence without the full loss of benefits usually associated with unpaid leave. This program will assist in achieving budgetary savings without significant adverse impact on critical public services.

Program Requirements:

The EVTO program includes the following elements and requirements:

- Implementation of the provisions of the Enhanced Voluntary Time-Off Program within each department shall be subject to prior authorization by the Chief Administrative Officer.
  
- The Chief Administrative Officer may establish procedures and issue administrative instructions regarding the operation of Enhanced Voluntary Time-Off Program.
  
- In order to maintain critical public services, all requests by employees for unpaid EVTO leave must be in writing and be approved in advance by the Department Head or his/her designee.

- During specific times each fiscal year, employees who wish to participate in EVTO will pledge the number of hours to be taken as EVTO. This will assist the departments in determining projected savings.
  
- In the event of an industrial injury or unforeseen hardship which significantly impacts an employee's decision to request EVTO, such employee shall be able to rescind or modify his or her EVTO pledge. However, a change or modification in scheduling days off must be approved by department Management.
  
- In the event of a County emergency affecting public health or safety, a Department Head may rescind all or part of any EVTO pledge, and require such employee to return to work immediately. Nothing in this paragraph reduces the authority of a Department Head to terminate any leave of absence as described in Civil Service Rule 16.04.
  
- An employee may take up to sixty (60) calendar days of EVTO each fiscal year during this program (see below for EVTO after sixty (60) days) with the following benefit guarantees:
  - EVTO may be taken as sixty (60) or fewer consecutive calendar days; as a reduced work-week schedule (4/36 or other); or as occasional days off with Management approval.

- EVTO will not affect flexible benefit plan County contributions, or vacation and sick leave accrual. However, employees may wish to schedule occasional EVTO days to avoid loss of pay for weekend and holiday days.
  
- An employee will receive retirement credit for each month in which the employee has any retirement eligible earnings. In the event the employee's earnings are less than enough to pay the employee contribution to LACERA, the employee may pay the required employee contribution directly to LACERA to receive retirement credit for that month. Such payments shall be made within thirty (30) days following the end of the month in which the contribution was not made.
  
- EVTO will not constitute a break in service and will count towards time in service for step advancement and continuous service date.
  
- An employee may take a total of one (1) year of EVTO with the following parameters:
  - A full year of EVTO will not constitute a break in service and will count towards time in service for step advancement and continuous service date.

- After the first sixty (60) days of EVTO, the sixty (60) day EVTO benefit guarantees will not apply.
  
- Retirement service credit will not accrue during this period.
  
- FLSA Non-exempt employees may request EVTO in increments as little as one hour.
  
- FLSA Exempt employees must request EVTO in full work day increments.
  
- EVTO is granted without requiring employees to first use accumulated vacation and compensatory time-off.
  
- EVTO is not available to employees on any other paid or unpaid leave.
  
- Department Heads may continue to approve other unpaid leave of absences.
  
- If the employee's request is not approved, Management will respond in writing to the employee giving the reason(s) for denial.
  
- EVTO will be actively encouraged by Management and Local 660 in order to achieve savings.

Special Unpaid Voluntary Time-Off(60-Day Program)Benefits Protected

Vacation Accrual  
 Sick Leave Accrual  
 Savings and Horizons Plan\*  
 Flexible Benefit Contributions  
 Step Advance  
 Retirement Service Credit\*\*  
 Military Leave

Benefits Not Protected

Jury Leave  
 Bereavement Leave  
 Witness Leave  
 Civil Service Examination Leave  
 Weekend Pay  
 Holiday Pay

\* County matching contributions will continue (unless deferred or suspended) in any month in which the employee contributes to the plan.

\*\* Retirement Service Credit for plans A-D will accrue for any month in which an employee receives retirement eligible earnings and earns sufficient salary to pay employee LACERA contribution, or makes such contribution other than with County earnings.

For Retirement Plan E, service credit will not accrue for any month in which an employee has no retirement eligible earnings.

ARTICLE 30      EMPLOYEE LIST

Within sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Memorandum of Understanding, Local 660 may request a computer tape listing of the names, employee numbers, item numbers, item title, item sub., department numbers and pay location of all employees in the Unit. Every reasonable effort shall be made to provide the computer tape listing in the format specified by Local 660. Such computer tape listing may be requested monthly it being agreed that Local 660 shall pay to the County \$100.00 for each computer tape listing. Should Local 660 request a computer tape listing for this Unit and simultaneously request a computer tape listing for other Units represented by Local 660 the combined cost for such computer tape listing shall be \$1000.00. If there is an increase in the cost of producing the computer tape listing during the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties agree to meet to discuss the increase before it is implemented.

Management will make available to each new employee entering the Unit a card furnished by LACEA, Local 660, SEIU written as follows:

LACEA, Local 660, SEIU has been certified as your majority representative.  
LACEA, Local 660, SEIU is certified to represent you in negotiations with the County on salaries, hours of work, and conditions of employment.

If you want information, or if you wish to join LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, call (213) 368-8660 or see your Union Representative where you work.

LACEA, Local 660 SEIU, 550 S. Virgil Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90020.

ARTICLE 31            EMPLOYEE PAYCHECK ERRORSSection 1.            Underpayments

Management will rectify a significant underpayment on the employee's payroll warrant, within three (3) calendar days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, after receipt by the Auditor-Controller of a written request from the affected employee's departmental payroll section. An affected employee's departmental payroll section shall within one (1) business day, forward a written request for a corrected or supplemental pay warrant for the affected employee to the Auditor-Controller. An employee shall be deemed to have waived the above indicated time limits, and to have indicated that he/she is willing to accept an adjustment on the following payroll warrant if he/she does not request a corrected or supplemental warrant within two (2) calendar days after receipt of the regular payroll warrant, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

Corrected or supplemental warrants will be sent by regular County messenger service to the employee's departmental payroll section. In emergencies the departmental payroll section will arrange to have the supplemental or corrected warrant either hand delivered to the employee or picked up by the employee at the Auditor's public counter.

The provisions of this section may be implemented even if the employee cashes the payroll warrant.

Section 2.            Overpayments

Management will endeavor to notify the affected employee of an overpayment on the employee's payroll warrant(s) prior to making any deduction to recover any such overpayment from the employee's subsequent payroll warrant(s). Upon request by the affected employee, Management will establish a reasonable method of repayment.

County agrees to determine the feasibility of having an affected employee repay an overpayment with accumulated benefits that the employee would be entitled to at termination of employment. County agrees to consult with the Union on this issue within 90 days after implementation of this MOU, in accordance with the Employee Relations Ordinance [5.040.090 (A)].

Recovery of more than 15% of net pay will be subject to a repayment schedule established by the appointing authority under guidelines issued by the Auditor-Controller. Such recovery shall not exceed 15% per month of disposable income (as defined by State law), except, however, that a mutually agreed-upon acceleration provision may permit faster recovery.

Section 3.            Grievances

Any grievances regarding this Article shall be processed beginning with Level 3 of the Grievance Procedure.

Section 4.            Notices

In the event an employee incurs a significant underpayment in his/her payroll warrant and it is determined that the underpayment is due to an error on the part of the County, Management agrees, upon a formal written request from the employee, to provide a standardized letter that states the reason(s) the affected employee's payment was late.

Section 5.            Garnishments

Management shall notify the affected employee of a garnishment of wages and the amount of percentage to be garnished promptly upon receipt by the County of an order to garnish.

ARTICLE 32            EMPLOYEE PARKING

Section 1.            Employee Participation in Regulation XV Plans

The Union recognizes the County's obligation to fulfill employer requirements for traffic reduction under the South Coast Air Quality Management District Regulation XV. It is the Union's intent to assist the County in fulfilling its obligation.

Upon commencement of this MOU, the Union agrees to designate employee representatives at each affected worksite to participate in a Worksite Labor-Management Transportation Committee. The committee shall develop recommendations for new traffic reduction plans or for the enhancement of existing plans at the worksite. Plans are to include development, implementation, and monitoring of progress. Affected worksite is defined as a work location covered by a Parking Plan presented by Management.

Section 2.            Union Right to Negotiate Traffic Reduction Plans

Recommendations from worksite Labor-Management Transportation Committees shall be implemented no earlier than October 1, 1994. If, at the end of the one year test period, it is determined that the labor-management parking plan(s) is not effective in meeting the SCAQMD standard for worksite AVR goal, then the County may implement Management proposed plans. If Local 660 wishes to negotiate any such plan it shall notify the County in writing ten (10) business days from receipt of such recommendation. The parties agree to expeditiously undertake such negotiations prior to implementation.

Section 3.            Safe and Adequate Parking

County Management will continue to make every reasonable effort to provide adequate free parking facilities for employees who regularly find it necessary to use their own vehicle for transportation to their work location.

County Management will make every feasible effort to provide safe and free parking facilities at parking lots nearest the employees work location for evening and night shift personnel.

ARTICLE 33      WORKPLACE RETRAINING

Section 1.

County agrees to seek State and Federal funds available to the County for retraining and/or placement services for permanent employees terminated from service as a result of organizational restructuring ordered by the Board of Supervisors. County agrees to consult with Local 660 regarding Management efforts to obtain State and Federal funds for displaced workers.

Section 2.

The County agrees to work with Local 660 to seek State and/or Federal fund available to address identified employee retraining needs for employees represented by Local 660 adversely impacted as a result of re-engineering ordered by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 3.

Further, the County agrees to establish a training fund in the amount of \$1.5 million in each year of this contract in the Department of Human Resources' Training Budget that will be dedicated to training and/or retraining employees represented by Local 660. Any balance from fiscal year 2006-2007 will be forwarded to fiscal year 2007-2008. Any balance from fiscal year 2007-2008 will be forwarded to fiscal year 2008-2009. In no event shall the total dollar amount, including any balance from any fiscal year (2006-2007, 2007-2008 and 2008-2009) exceed \$1.5 million.

Section 4.

The parties further agree to create a Joint Labor-Management Committee to jointly administer the above funds. The Committee shall be limited to a total of sixteen (16) members Countywide. Eight (8) members shall be selected by Management and eight (8) members shall be selected by Local 660.

Section 5.

The primary purpose of the Training Fund in Section 3 is to provide retraining for employees adversely affected as a result of organizational restructuring and/or re-engineering ordered by the Board of Supervisors. In addition, the parties agree that the Joint Labor-Management Committee may utilize all, or any portion of, the training funds to enhance training and career development for employees in bargaining units represented by Local 660 during the term of this agreement.

New Section 6. Academic-Based Development Programs

Recognizing that academic-based career development programs require front-end program development, in fiscal year 2006 – 2007, a separate fund of \$250,000 will be set aside for program development expenses. A Labor/Management Committee of eight (8) Management and eight (8) Union representatives will be established to guide program development work. If programs developed require funding that exceed the separate Training Fund (\$250,000), including resources for administration and educational support, the Labor/Management Committee may request from the Board of Supervisors additional allocations to implement these training programs.

This Article shall be subject to advisory arbitration.

ARTICLE 34            LOCAL 660 COUNTYWIDE JOINT LABOR-MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE

The parties agree to establish a Local 660 County-wide Joint Labor-Management Committee to consult in accordance with the Employee Relations Ordinance [5.040.090 (A)] on productivity enhancement, training, bilingual staffing, clerical classification structure, contracting out, child care, and other issues of mutual concern.

The Committee shall be limited to a total of ten (10) members Countywide, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise. Five (5) members shall be appointed by Management and a total of five (5) members representing all Local 660 Units shall be appointed by the General Manager, LACEA, Local 660, SEIU.

The committee shall have the authority to develop its own internal procedures, including the scheduling of meetings and use of consultants. Management shall provide pertinent information as provided for under the Employee Relations Ordinance and the Public Records Act.

ARTICLE 35      WORK ACCESS

Authorized LACEA, Local 660, SEIU representatives shall be given access to work locations during working hours to investigate and process grievances, observe working conditions and post bulletins on bulletin boards. LACEA, Local 660, SEIU representatives desiring access to a work location hereunder shall state the purpose of the visit and request from the department head's or his/her designate, authorization for a reasonable amount of time before the intended visit unless the parties mutually agree to waive notice. LACEA, Local 660, SEIU agrees that its representatives will not purposely interfere with operations of departments or any facility thereof.

LACEA, Local 660, SEIU shall give to each department head and the Chief Administrative Officer of the County of Los Angeles a written list of all authorized representatives, which list shall be kept current by LACEA, Local 660, SEIU. Access to work locations will only be granted to representatives on the current list.

ARTICLE 36      BULLETIN BOARDS

Section 1.

Management will furnish adequate bulletin board space to LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, where there are existing bulletin boards for the employee in this Unit and where adequate bulletin board space has not yet been made available. Bulletin board space will be visible and accessible.

The boards shall be used for the following subjects:

- A. LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, recreational, Social and related LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, news bulletins;
- B. Scheduled LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, meetings;
- C. Information concerning LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, elections or the results thereof;
- D. Reports of official business of LACEA, Local 660, SEIU including LACEA, Local 660, SEIU, Newsletters, reports of committees or the Board of Directors; and
- E. Any other written material which first has been approved and initialed by the designated representative of the Department Head. The designated

representative must either approve or disapprove a request for posting within 24 hours, excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays from the receipt of the material and the request to post it. Failure to do so will be considered approval to post the material.

The designated representative will approve all reasonable requests.

The parties may mutually waive the provisions of this Article if a satisfactory posting policy on bulletin boards is currently in effect.

Section 2. Consultation on Electronic Bulletin Boards

The parties agree to meet and consult on the subject of Electronic Bulletin Boards within 90 days of the Board's approval of the MOU.

ARTICLE 37            SAFETY AND HEALTH

Section 1.            Parties' Responsibilities

It is the duty of Management to make every reasonable effort to provide and maintain a safe and healthy place of employment. LACEA, Local 660, SEIU will cooperate by encouraging all employees to perform their work in a safe manner. It is the duty of all employees, in the course of performing their regularly assigned duties to be alert to unsafe and/or unhealthy practices, equipment and conditions and to report any such unsafe and/or unhealthy practices, or conditions to their immediate supervisor. The immediate supervisor will respond within 5 business days.

If such condition cannot be satisfactorily remedied by the immediate supervisor, the employee or his/her representative may submit the matter in writing to the local facility safety officer or the departmental safety officer, if there is no local safety officer. The safety officer will respond within five (5) working days.

If the employee or his/her representative is not satisfied with the response of the safety officer, LACEA, Local 660, SEIU may consult with the Chief Administrative Office, Risk Management. A representative of such branch shall respond to the department head and LACEA, Local 660, SEIU within ten (10) days. Management shall make available the name and work telephone numbers of the Building Emergency Coordinators in the department. This list will be updated as required.

If LACEA, Local 660, SEIU is not satisfied with the response of the Chief Administrative Office, Risk Management, the issue may be taken, within ten (10) days, to arbitration as set forth in Article 11. During such ten (10) days, consultation between the department head and LACEA, Local 660, SEIU will take place.

Section 2.            First Aid Kits

The departmental safety officer or appropriate representative will make every reasonable effort to maintain complete first aid kits at all work facilities and to ensure said kits are accessible to employees.

Section 3.

Management and Local 660 mutually agree that safety and health conditions in employment in the County of Los Angeles are subject to the provisions of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and the California Occupational Health Act of 1973.

Section 4.

Management and Local 660 mutually agree to meet in accordance with Employee Relations Ordinance (Sec. 5.040.090 A) to address current and future safety and ergonomic needs resulting from the department's expanding technological environment.

ARTICLE 38            DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES RESTRUCTURING

The parties agree that this article shall be applicable to both the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health.

Section 1.            Labor-Management Restructuring Council

During the term of this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties agree to continue the Labor-Management Restructuring Council. The number of members on the Council shall remain at the level existing on September 1, 2000. The work of the Labor-Management Restructuring Council shall include reviewing all restructuring initiatives within the Department of Health Services and/or the Department of Public Health and making recommendations to the appropriate departmental management.

Upon written request by the Union, Management agrees to meet and confer with the Union on the impact of implementing work rule changes specifically related to restructuring when such matters are not covered by the Memoranda of Understanding or Civil Service Rules. During the term of this agreement, when such work rule changes are implemented, the significant numbers provision of the Full Understanding, Modification and Waiver Article shall not apply to matters subject to restructuring impact negotiations within each department.

The work of the Labor-Management Restructuring Council shall also include, but not be limited to, discussions associated with the delivery of health/patient care such as patient access to care, recent and/or pending health care legislation, and environmental/public health care concerns.

Section 2.            Staffing

A. The Department of Health Services, the Department of Public Health and the Union shall make a reasonable attempt to jointly develop recommendations for submission to the Department of Human Resources regarding new classifications and classification changes required by restructuring in the Department.

If the County determines that a hiring freeze in the Department of Health Services and/or the Department of Public Health is necessary during the term of this MOU, the Union will be provided with a copy of the report given to the Board of Supervisors.

Management agrees to make available to the Union on a quarterly basis, data on the use of registry/agency workers and Position Status Reports for health services units in the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health.

B. Labor, the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health Management recognize that staffing and workload issues are integral to continuing departmental restructuring, meeting regulatory mandates, providing quality patient care and assuring compliance with regulatory requirements.

Labor, Department of Health Services and Department of Public Health Management agree that the Labor-Management Restructuring Council will establish the structure and direction for a joint staffing committee responsible for

the development and implementation of staffing plans within the Department and provide recommendations for action. This joint process will continue within 30 business days of Board of Supervisor approval of this MOU.

- C. This Section is intended to provide a general structure and process within which the Union Department of Health Services and/or Department of Public Health Management can jointly develop creative solutions to the challenges of adequate staffing and patient classification systems and ratios in order to provide quality patient care.

It is not the intent of this language to preclude Management's right to exercise control and discretion over its organization and operations during the term of this agreement.

It is not intended to pre-empt the right of the parties to negotiate specific staffing provisions relevant to individual classes of bargaining units.

- D. Civil Service Rules and applicable Board of Supervisors' policies will be applied to employees affected by the Department of Health Services and/or Department of Public Health restructuring plans or similar plans/programs ordered by the Board of Supervisors.

- E. Healthcare Interpreter

Within 90 calendar days of Board of Supervisor approval of this MOU, the Union, Department of Health Services and Department of Public Health Management

shall establish a process for implementing the Healthcare Interpreter classification. Representatives from the Healthcare Workforce Development Program shall also be included in this process for the development of training options for Healthcare Interpreters.

Section 3.            Training

- A. The parties agree to establish a Labor-Management Training Board composed of twelve (12) members. There will be six (6) Union members and six (6) Management members to administer any funds allocated for training program.. The Training Board will begin meeting by January 31, 2001.
  
- B. Current County employees in the bargaining unit who are negatively impacted by restructuring shall have first priority for placement in a training program funded as a direct result of Department of Health Services and/or Department of Public Health restructuring.
  
- C. Throughout the term of this MOU, employees of the Department of Health Services and/or Department of Public Health who do not receive the Bilingual Bonus pursuant to County Code Section 6.10.140, may, upon request of the employee, enroll in a basic language course other than English offered by the LA Health Care Workforce Development Program. Upon successful completion of the course, each employee shall be issued a certificate.

- D. Management shall make every reasonable effort to release employees to attend training offered through the Workforce Development Program. SEIU Local 660, the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health will jointly monitor releases to ensure reasonable access to training.
  
- E. Any employee in a career track workforce development training program, including but not limited to Healthcare Workforce Development Program may request to be placed on an Irregular 40 hour work schedule as part of their work week during the duration of their training in order to provide them time to study and attend classes.
  
- F. Employees who graduate from Healthcare Workforce Program career path programs for critically needed acute care classifications, including but not limited to ancillary staffing and nursing shall be able to accept the position with no loss of salary in accordance to County Code.

#### Section 4. Reassignment/Involuntary Transfer within DHS, DPH

- A. If the Department of Health Services and/or Department of Public Health determine that reassignments are necessary as a result of restructuring and/or workforce reductions, management shall first use pre-existing geographical preferences as expressed on the Employee Verification Notices. Employees will

be assigned to vacancies within their classification based on geographic preference by County seniority. Employees may also be reassigned to vacancies within the same series (for example, Staff Nurse to Clinic Nurse) that require the same qualifications and minimum requirements. This provision shall not be construed to entitle any employee to a promotion.

- B. If the number of employees within a classification expressing a preference for a geographic region exceeds the number of vacancies within the region, then reassignments will be made by County seniority.
- C. If there are vacancies to be filled that do not match employee preferences, then employees within that classification will be reassigned using inverse County seniority, unless other transfer/reassignment procedures have already been agreed to in the MOU.
- D. Whenever the impacted department has advance knowledge of specific facilities, or job classes that may be subject to reassignment, the department's Human Resources office shall offer potentially impacted employees the opportunity to submit or amend their Employee Verification Notices.
- E. Management agrees, after all of the above has been completed, to give at least ten (10) business days' notice to any employee scheduled for reassignment.

#### Section 5. Patient Transport Teams

The parties agree that it is a mutual goal to reduce industrial injuries resulting from patient lifting and transport. The parties support the establishment of Patient Transport and Patient Lift Teams in Department of Health Services and Department of Public

Health facilities and will work together to overcome any economic barriers to implementation. Management will make every effort to ensure that equipment is provided that is in accordance with professional and industry standards for the lifting and transporting of patients.

Upon written request of Local 660, a Joint Labor-Management Work Group shall be convened with the goal of developing a plan for expansion of Patient Transport and/or Patient Lift Teams within The Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health. The Work Group shall consist of a core of three Labor representatives, three Management representatives, and one representative from the Healthcare Workforce Development Program. An additional two (2) members each from Labor and Management will be added from each healthcare facility where Patient Transport and/or Patient Lift Teams are being formed.

The workgroup shall develop a policy for implementing Patient Transport and Patient Lift teams in health care facilities that do not already have established policies. The policy will include the process and procedures, including staffing, for transportation and lift team members to ensure employee safety. Prior to full implementation of the Patient Transport and Lift Teams, all team members will be trained in the provisions of the developed policy.

#### Section 6. Notification and Response to Disasters and Public Health Emergencies

The Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health are committed to maintaining a healthful working environment and continuing its compliance in meeting

the regulations and guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control, OSHA, and JCAHO.

A. Bioterrorism, Natural and Human-Made Disasters

1. The Department of Health Services has established a Decontamination Response Plan for a variety of disasters. The Department shall notify the union within 60 days of any proposed change to any currently established decontamination plan. The Departments shall provide all medically necessary treatments to public health disasters, including but not limited to decontamination services and prophylaxis to affected employees.
2. The Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health shall provide training, educational materials and public health advisories on an ongoing basis to all employees who are assigned to areas that provide direct patient care about the safe response to, including but not limited to, chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear contamination or disasters. Such training shall be provided on County time.

B. Employee Safety

1. Management will initiate a comprehensive assessment of employee and patient safety in conjunction with CAO Risk Management. Upon completion of this assessment, management shall meet with the union pursuant to County Code Section 5.04.090(A).
2. The County shall develop and implement a policy addressing

communicable disease notification, protection and treatment for employees who are assigned to work in health facilities. Related training shall be provided to the employees.

3. The County shall make hand-held personal alarm devices available to employees working in psychiatric inpatient, outpatient and emergency departments in County facilities. The budget for the personal alarms shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). The budget will be used to purchase and maintain alarms, and replace broken or damaged alarms through the term of this MOU. In consultation with the Union, the County shall develop a plan for distribution and replacement of the alarms.
  
4. A Code Green Team is defined as Department of Health Services or Department of Public Health responders to violent or extreme patients that warrant intervention. Code Green Teams would be established to aid, when necessary, County security in situations where a multi-person intervention is needed. Under no circumstances will Code Green Teams replace existing security measures in place in county facilities.  
  
In consultation with SEIU Local 660 and CIR/SEIU, Management will develop a standardized policy addressing the establishment of a Code Green Team in each department facility and on each shift where

applicable within 60 business days of Board approval of this MOU. Said policy will address training, team leadership and protocols of the Code Green Teams.

5. In the event of an attack on an employee by a patient or onsite visitor, Management shall assist with making arrangements for medical attention and counseling services.
  
6. In the event of an emergency relating to biohazards, communicable disease outbreak or other health threat, the Department shall notify employees without delay. The Department shall notify Local 660 and the Committee of Interns and Residents/SEIU as soon as practicable. Upon request by the Union, the Department shall meet with Local 660 within seven (7) business days to assess the impact on employees and appropriate responses and/or corrective measures.

New Section 7:                    Sale or Transfer

The County agrees in the event of a sale or transfer of a facility the County shall give the Union as much notice as possible of any intended sale or transfer.

New Section 8:                      Patient Care Committee

The County and the Union agree that quality patient care and an appropriate working environment require adequate and safe staffing and that staffing levels within all departments vary with census, acuity, shifts, the specialization of various areas, changes in the specialization of the units, structural changes in delivery of patient services and qualitative changes in average acuity.

Within 90 days of Board of Supervisor approval of this MOU, the parties will establish a task force to consult on the development of a Patient Care Committee(s) within DHS and DPH. The task force will work collaboratively to develop the role of the Patient Care Committee(s) as it relates to issues including but not limited to best practices regarding quality patient care and dispute resolution. The task force will consist of a maximum of 8 members representing SEIU Local 660 and a maximum of 8 members from the county, including a representative from the Chief Administrative Office/Employee Relations Division.

ARTICLE 39DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
TRANSFORMATION

The Department of Mental Health and Local 660 are committed to a collaborative joint labor-management approach to provide ways of improving services provided by the department. Examples include improved quality of care, greater patient satisfaction, improved recruitment and retention of employees, improved efficiency and increased revenue as well as a safe and healthful working environment for departmental employees.

To achieve these goals the parties agree to the following:

Mental Health Transformation Committee

Local 660 and the Department of Mental Health will establish a labor-management Mental Health Transformation Committee to review the departmental transformation and make recommendations to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) management.

The committee's mission is to review the impact on employees resulting from the department's transformation plan, and to develop recommendations to management regarding employee impact.

The committee will have fifteen (15) Local 660 employee representatives.

The committee will meet once a month, at a time and place to be determined by the committee.

Management agrees to refer new classifications or classification changes resulting from the transformation to the Local 660 Classification Committee for review.

Pursuant to the County's Employee Relations Ordinance, upon written request by the Union, Management agrees to meet and confer with the union on the impact of implementing work rule changes specifically related to DMH's transformation when such matters are not covered by Memoranda of Understanding, Civil Service Rules, or other laws, regulations, or agreements between the parties.

The Mental Health Transformation Committee will establish a methodology to enhance the delivery of clinical care and maximize revenue under the MHSA. The committee shall meet within 30 days after Board of Supervisor approval of this. In order to maximize the work hours spent on direct client services the committee will evaluate the appropriate benchmark to achieve revenue maximization under MH. With the goal of achieving common industry standards.

#### Workplace Safety

The Department of Mental Health will make every reasonable effort to provide a safe and healthful work place, including measures to protect employees from

workplace violence.

Where determined by management to be necessary, protective measures such as the following will be implemented:

- Installation of equipment in Mental Health facilities such as panic buttons, surveillance cameras, bullet-resistant glass and alarm systems.
- Assignment of security personnel.
- Training in assault prevention and management of assaultive behavior.
- Necessary safety equipment, such as cell phones, gloves, first aid kits, etc. will be provided to employees on field assignments.

The department agrees to develop recommendations related to safety issues with the union at the DMH Transformation Committee.

This article will expire on 09/30/09, with the exception of the section on work place safety section.

ARTICLE 40            RE-ENGINEERING AND WELFARE REFORM

The County agrees to consult pursuant to Employee Relations Ordinance [subsection 5.04.090(A)] on re-engineering and welfare reform. Management agrees to meet and confer with Local 660 on the impact of implementing work rule changes specifically related to re-engineering and welfare reform when such matters are not covered by Memoranda of Understanding of Civil Service Rules.

During the term of this agreement when such work rule changes are implemented, the significant numbers provision (subsection 2) of the Full Understanding, Modifications, Waiver Article shall not apply to matters subject to re-engineering/welfare reform impact negotiations within Department of Health Services or Department of Public Social Services.

The County shall apply provisions of State law regarding CALWORKS, designed to prevent displacement of employees or erosion of the bargaining units by welfare recipients, to the County's training, workfare, and community service programs.

The County will also comply promptly with all reporting and complaint investigation requirements to ensure compliance with State law regarding the work assignments of volunteers, general relief workfare participants, GAIN participants, CALWORKS workfare participants, or community service participants.

ARTICLE 41      STEWARDSSection 1.      Legal Rights of Shop Steward

Management recognizes that Local 660 Shop Stewards or Alternate are the official on-site representatives of the Union and further acknowledges that no Steward shall be discriminated against because of the exercise of their rights and duties under the MOU.

Section 2.

It is agreed by the parties of the Memorandum of Understanding that LACEA, Local 660, SEIU may select a reasonable number of stewards for this Unit. LACEA, Local 660, SEIU shall give to each Department Head a written list of employees from his/her department who have been selected as stewards. This list shall be kept current by LACEA, Local 660, SEIU.

Stewards may spend a reasonable amount of time to promptly and expeditiously investigate and process formal grievances, or attend employee orientation meetings, without loss of pay or benefits of any kind. Stewards, when leaving their work locations to transact such investigations or processing, shall first obtain permission from their immediate supervisor and inform the supervisor of the nature of the business. Permission to leave will be granted promptly unless such absence would cause an undue interruption of work. Except, however, denial of permission will automatically constitute an extension of the time equal to the amount of the delay. If such permission cannot be granted promptly, the steward will be immediately informed when time will be made available. Such time will not be more than twenty-four (24) hours, excluding

Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, after the time of the steward's request unless otherwise mutually agreed to.

Upon entering a work location, the steward shall inform the cognizant supervisor of the nature of the steward's business.

Permission to leave the job will be granted promptly to the employee involved unless such absence would cause an undue interruption of work.

Except, however, denial of permission will automatically constitute an extension of the time equal to the amount of delay. If the employee cannot be made available, the steward will be immediately informed when the employee will be made available. Such time will not be more than twenty (24) hours, excluding Saturday, Sunday, and holidays after the time of the steward's request, unless otherwise mutually agreed to.

LACEA, Local 660, SEIU agrees that a steward shall not log compensatory time or premium pay time for the time spent performing any function of a steward.

Management will make every reasonable effort not to reassign a steward if there is any other employee in the same classification who meets the specific qualifications of the vacancy.

The SEIU Local 660 President, Vice President, and Chair of the Bargaining Policy Committee will be allowed reasonable time off without loss of pay to perform the responsibilities of his/her position.

## ARTICLE 42 WORK SCHEDULES

### Section 1.

The normal work day shall be eight hours exclusive of an unpaid lunch period and the normal work week shall be 40 hours within five working days in a seven day period, with the understanding that the basic 40-hour work week would be assigned between Monday and Saturday. For the purpose of computing overtime, the work week for employees in this Unit is 40 hours of work in a seven consecutive day period as defined by Management.

All employees in this Unit shall have two consecutive whole days off at least twice monthly, unless otherwise requested by the employee and approved by Management. Management shall make every reasonable effort not to regularly schedule or require an employee to work more than two (2) evenings per week unless such a schedule has been requested by the employee and approved by Management. Management reserves the right to make exceptions to this provision based on service needs.

It is understood and agreed that necessary Sunday work within the Library Department will be assigned on a volunteer basis. If there are not enough volunteers for Sunday work to provide necessary coverage, Management will assign qualified personnel to provide the necessary coverage.

Section 2.            Sunday Schedules

Work schedules which include Sunday will be established only when essential to the County's public service. In no event shall such schedules be established to deprive employees of payment for overtime.

Section 3.

Each work day will be designated with starting and ending times and will include an unpaid lunch period and one paid fifteen (15) minute rest period in each half of the day. An employee shall not be required to work during his/her lunch period except in an emergency.

Section 4.

Employees designated to prepare the library for opening at each location will be assigned to a shift starting one hour before the library opens.

Section 5.

Nothing herein shall limit the authority of the County Library to make temporary assignments to different or additional locations, shifts, or work duties for the purpose of meeting emergencies. However, such emergency assignments shall not extend beyond the period of such emergency.

Section 6.

The parties agree that when an employee works in excess of his/her regularly scheduled work hours in a day, Management may direct the employee to take off an equivalent number of hours during the same work week.

Section 7.           Alternative Work Schedules

Management may plan and authorize, for employees, alternative work schedules encompassing different hours and/or work locations. Alternative schedules include, but are not limited to, 4/40 plans (4 days per work week at 10 hours worked per day); 9/80 plans (9 work days per two work weeks with 80 hours worked within those two work weeks); and telecommuting plans.

Where alternative work schedules are authorized by Management, an employee may request an alternative work schedule. Such request shall be submitted, in writing, to the employee's supervisor. Management may accept or reject an employee's request. Management shall respond to the request within twenty (20) days of its submission to the supervisor.

Management may discontinue an alternative work schedule assignment at any time and assign the employee or employees to different work hours or to the previous work location, provided ten (10) working days notice is given to the employee. Transfer to a work location other than the previous location is subject to the provisions of this MOU.

ARTICLE 43      CONSULTATIONSection 1.

There shall be regularly scheduled bi-monthly meetings between representatives of departmental Management and a LACEA, Local 660, SEIU Committee chosen by the Librarians Policy Committee. These meetings shall be on County time. Management and the Librarians Committee will submit items to be discussed at each meeting to each other at least thirty (30) days in advance of the scheduled meeting to establish a meeting agenda. These agendas may include such items as Management studies, training policies, and future departmental objectives.

County Management agrees to meet, upon request, with LACEA, Local 660, SEIU for the sole purpose of consultation on items which could result in erosion of this bargaining unit because of the establishment of a new class or classes.

Section 2.

Within 90 days of ratification of this MOU by the Board of Supervisors, Library management agrees to meet with members of the Librarian Policy Committee to obtain input in drafting guidelines for establishing a pool of substitute Librarian I's to help ensure adequate staffing and efficient public service.

Section 3.

Within 90 days of ratification of this MOU by the Board of Supervisors, Library management agrees to meet with members of the Librarian Policy Committee to obtain input in the area of policy and procedures for reporting unsafe working conditions, job requisitions and facility maintenance.

ARTICLE 44      RIGHTS OF UNIT

Management agrees to permit one (1) employee in the Unit, designated by Local 660 as a spokesperson for the Unit, time off with pay to attend meetings between LACEA, Local 660, SEIU and Management where the subject of such meeting involves basic issues affecting employee relations concerning the entire Unit.

The name of the employee so designated will be provided in writing by Local 660 to Management. LACEA, Local 660, SEIU agrees that the employee so designated shall neither log nor be entitled to compensatory time or premium pay for the time spent pursuing activities allowed under this Article.

ARTICLE 45      TRAINING AND TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

Section 1.      Training

Management will attempt to develop training programs to meet the specific needs of employees to achieve departmental objectives. A description of the program will be made available to LACEA, Local 660, SEIU for discussion in consultation meetings.

Section 2.      Tuition Reimbursement

When budgetarily feasible, and at the sole discretion of the Department Head, Management will attempt to establish a Tuition Reimbursement Program encouraging participation of all interested permanent full-time employees of this bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 46      CONTINUING EDUCATIONSection 1.

Management recognizes the advantage of continued education for employees in this unit, and will give consideration to employee requests for participation in available work-related educational programs, conferences and seminars on County time.

Section 2.

Notwithstanding the above provisions and pursuant to the Civil Service Rules, where paid leave time is not available to all employees desiring to attend a work-related program, subject to departmental criteria, the employee may, at his or her discretion, use accrued leave time or up to two (2) days of leave without pay per year for such attendance. In all instances, provisions of this article will be subject to departmental staffing considerations.

ARTICLE 47      ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Management agrees to administer the department transportation system in a manner which ensures that employees directed to attend special meetings will be provided either County transportation or appropriate reimbursement for travel between assigned work location, location of special meeting and return to assigned work location.

Management will take into consideration travel time when scheduling meetings.

ARTICLE 48      TRANSFERSSection 1.

Management will maintain a central file in which permanent employees may indicate their first and second work location preferences. A transfer bulletin will indicate positions open since the last notification. In cases in which failure to fill positions would result in diminishment of public service, the position will be filled on a temporary basis, otherwise the position will remain open for a two-week period after notification. The seniority of the employees requesting such reassignment will be considered but the ultimate placement will be determined by the requirements of the position. Temporary reassignments will not exceed three (3) months. Employees who have been approved for reassignment will be transferred to their new assignment no more than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of reassignment approval. Management reserves the right to make reasonable exceptions to this provision based on service needs.

Section 2.

In the event there are no requests for reassignment to a vacant position, Management will fill the vacancy through hire, promotion, or by transfer of a qualified employee who has a current request for transfer on file. In making such transfers, the seniority of the employees will be considered, but the ultimate placement will be determined by the requirements of the position.

If a temporary assignment is the result of a vacancy, the open position shall be bulletined for transfer, promotion, or new hire.

Section 3.

It is understood and agreed that transfers will not be made for disciplinary purposes.

Section 4.

Prior to the establishment or implementation of redeployment, the parties agree to meet in accordance with Employee Relations Ordinance (Sec. 5.040.090, A) to discuss the process of redeployment of all affected employees covered within this Memorandum of Understanding.

This Section 4 shall be subject to advisory arbitration.

ARTICLE 49POSTING OF EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES

Notices of civil service examinations, departmental and inter-departmental vacancy notices shall be posted by Management within a reasonable time after receipt on the department's main bulletin board(s). Vacant positions will be maintained on a continuous vacancy list and will remain on the list until said position has been filled. New and/or vacant positions will be posted by means that include, but not limited to, transfer notices, civil service exam notices, interdepartmental vacancy announcements, library websites, and interdepartmental computer accounts (i.e., Groupwise, Intranet).

Employees who desire information about current job openings may call the Department of Human Resources' 24-hour job Hotline information number at (800) 970-LIST (5478). Additionally, employees are referred to the following resources to find promotional opportunities and vacancies to be filled:

1. Department of Human Resources  
Employment Information Services Office  
3333 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

Bulletins for Open-Competitive and Inter-Departmental Promotional examinations are posted at this site.

2. County of Los Angeles Employment Information
  - Los Angeles Superior Court & Municipal Courts (213) 974-5444
  - Children's Services (213) 351-6417
  - Community Development Commission (323) 890-7326
  - Coroner (323) 343-0761

- Fire Department (213) 881-2308
- Health Services
  - LAC+USC Medical Center (323) 890-8322
  - High Desert (661) 945-8506
  
- Mental Health (213) 738-4703
- Probation (562) 940-2554
- Public Health (213) 974-2583
- Public Works (626) 458-EXAM
- Sheriff's Department
  - Sworn 1-800-A-DEPUTY
  - Civilian (323) 526-5611

3. For on-line job information visit the County's website at: [http:// www.lacounty.info](http://www.lacounty.info). For open-competitive and interdepartmental promotional exams, click on "General Information" and select "Job Opportunities". For information on openings, go to the specific department of your choice. The County website can be accessed through the internet terminal at city and county public libraries.
4. To obtain on-line job information and apply for the Librarian I exam, visit the County Library's website at: [www.colapublib.org](http://www.colapublib.org) and click on 'Career Opportunities'. For departmental Librarian and Library Assistant exam information. Library employees can visit the Library's Intranet. Employees are to go to the Human Resources Development Home Page and click on 'Department Career Opportunities'.

The parties agree that the provisions of Article shall not be grievable nor arbitrable, and are, therefore, expressly excluded from the grievance and arbitration provisions of Articles 9, 11 and 12.

ARTICLE 50      OVERTIMESection 1.      Compensation

The parties agree to jointly recommend to the County's Board of Supervisors that overtime shall be compensated as follows:

- A. The County will pay overtime for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) in one week. "Hours worked" will be calculated as provided for by the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §201, et seq. Hours worked do not include time for which persons are compensated but do not actually work, including but not limited to, sick leave and vacation pay, with the exception that those hours paid during a workweek for a regular County holiday will be counted in calculating hours worked for overtime purposes.
- B. The County will pay employees for any overtime worked at a rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times his/her regular rate of pay. Regular rate of pay shall be calculated as provided for by the Fair Labor Standards Act.
- C. On or after August 1, 1995, at the employee's option, Compensatory Time Off (CTO) accrued during the period from October 1, 1993 through and including June 30, 1994 and remaining on the books may continue to be taken as time off, subject to Management approval, or may be converted to pay. An employee electing payment for any portion of such CTO accrual balance may submit a request and within forty-five (45) days of that request, shall be paid at the rate of pay then in effect for the employee.

Section 2.            Usage of Non-FLSA Earned Compensatory Time

Employees shall not be directed by Management to take compensatory time off without at least ten (10) business days notice or be denied a timely request to take such time off. Requests for time off will be approved based on the needs of the service as determined by Management.

With prior approval of departmental Management, accumulated compensatory time not used during the calendar year in which it is earned may be carried over one (1) additional calendar year during which it must be taken. Compensatory time not used within the above period shall be paid to the employee at the straight time rate rather than lost.

Section 3.            Saving Clause

The parties agree that due to the delay of the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act to public employees of state and local government until April 15, 1986, the overtime provisions of the 1983-85 MOU shall be applied to employees covered by this agreement instead of the overtime provisions contained in this article for the period of the delay to April 14, 1986.

Provisions of this article shall be applied on and after April 15, 1986, to employees covered by this agreement and the provisions of the 1983-85 MOU shall cease to apply. If during the term of this agreement the Fair Labor Standards Act is determined not to

be applicable to public employees or public agencies through law, regulation, or court decision, the overtime provisions of the 1983-85 MOU shall be reincorporated into this MOU and applied to employees covered by this agreement and any contrary language shall be deleted subsequent to the effective date of such law, regulation, or court decision.

Section 4.                    Distribution of Overtime

Management shall assign overtime work as equitably as possible among all qualified employees in the same classification in the same organizational work unit and work location. In the assignment of overtime under this provision, however, Management may consider special skills required to perform particular work.

Section 5.

An employee who works a four (4) day - 40 hour week schedule or a nine (9) day - 80 hour two week schedule and who uses benefit time or compensatory time to cover the balance of a day in which he/she receives an eight (8) hour holiday, the benefit time or compensatory time used shall be treated for purposes of overtime computation in the same manner as the eight (8) hours of County holiday time.

ARTICLE 51            SPECIAL PAY PRACTICES

Section 1.            Evening Shift Differential

The parties agree to recommend jointly to the County's Board of Supervisors for adoption and implementation by amendment to Ordinance No. 6222, the Salary Ordinance of Los Angeles County, that during the term of this agreement employees in this Unit shall be paid an evening shift differential as follows:

- A.     Effective October 1, 1995, employees who are assigned to a regularly established evening shift shall receive a bonus of fifty-five cents per hour for each hour worked on said shift.

For purposes of this Section, an evening shift is a shift at least five-eighths of which falls between 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Section 2.            Productivity Bonus

- A.     Employees in the classes of Librarian II - V, who are required to have full in-charge responsibilities for more than one community library, will receive a two standard salary schedule bonus per month for each complete month that they are required to perform the duties of both assignments.
- B.     Employees in the classes of Librarian II - V, who in addition to their regular in-charge librarian assignment are required to perform the duties and

- responsibilities of a Regional Coordinator, will receive a two standard salary schedule bonus per month for each complete month that they are required to perform the duties of both assignments.
- C. Employees in the class of Librarian IV, who in addition to their Regional Coordinator assignment are required to have full in-charge responsibility for a community library, or perform the duties and responsibilities of another Regional Coordinator, will receive a two standard salary schedule bonus per month for each complete month that they are required to perform the duties of both assignments.
- D. Employees in the classes of Library Assistant II-IV, who in addition to their regular assignment are required to have full in-charge responsibility for a community library, will receive a two standard salary schedule bonus per month for each complete month that they are required to perform the duties of both assignments.
- E. The provisions of this Section apply only to full-time vacant funded positions.
- F. Employees will qualify for this bonus after fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days on any of the above mentioned dual assignments within a 30-day period.

- G. It is not Management's intent to make assignments to evade the provisions of this Section.
- H. All employees in this bargaining Unit who are assigned to work on Catalina Island shall be entitled to compensation at a rate of four (4) salary schedules higher than their current rate of pay.

Section 3.            Call-Back Pay

Whenever an employee is unexpectedly ordered by his/her Department Head or designated Management representative to return to work following the termination of his/her normal work shift and departure from his/her work location, the employee shall receive a payment of four hours pay at the rate of time and one-half of the employee's regular rate of pay. Work performed in excess of four hours will be compensated for in accordance with provisions of the Overtime Article.

If an employee should complete work required, leave the work location, and subsequently be recalled during the four-hour period being compensated for as a result of the initial call back, no additional compensation will be paid until four hours have been worked by the employee; i.e., there shall be no pyramiding of time and one-half pay as a result of call back.

If an employee's work schedule must be altered to accommodate operational requirements on any scheduled work day and the employee is required to report for

work up to two hours earlier than his/her normal shift starting time, this shall be considered an early shift start and not a call back. Employees assigned to an early shift start will be allowed to work to the end of their normal shift provided work is available in their classification.

ARTICLE 52      SALARIESSection 1.      Recommended Salary Adjustment

The parties jointly agree to recommend to the County's Board of Supervisors that said Board adopt and implement the following salaries applicable to employees in the Unit effective on the dates indicated:

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ITEM NO	ITEM CLASSIFICATION	EFFECTIVE DATE	NOTE	SCH	MINIMUM RATE	MAXIMUM RATE
8334	LIBRARIAN I	CURRENT		78J	3547.09	4399.55
		10/01/2006		80C	3687.36	4576.73
		07/01/2007	NN	80C	3687.36	4702.45
		01/01/2008	NN	81D	3797.82	4844.00
		07/01/2008	NM	81D	3797.82	4977.09
		01/01/2009	NM	82E	3910.18	5126.91
8335	LIBRARIAN II	CURRENT		80J	3742.45	4644.91
		10/01/2006		82C	3891.09	4832.00
		07/01/2007	NN	82C	3891.09	4964.73
		01/01/2008	NN	83D	4006.73	5114.18
		07/01/2008	NM	83D	4006.73	5255.00
		01/01/2009	NM	84E	4126.73	5412.45
8336	LIBRARIAN III	CURRENT		82J	3948.36	4904.00
		10/01/2006		84C	4106.36	5101.45
		07/01/2007	NN	84C	4106.36	5242.00
		01/01/2008	NN	85D	4229.36	5399.09
		07/01/2008	NM	85D	4229.36	5547.18
		01/01/2009	NM	86E	4356.27	5713.73
8337	LIBRARIAN IV	CURRENT		84J	4167.45	5177.82
		10/01/2006		86C	4334.64	5385.73
		07/01/2007	NN	86C	4334.64	5533.45
		01/01/2008	NN	87D	4465.27	5699.55
		07/01/2008	NM	87D	4465.27	5856.64
		01/01/2009	NM	88E	4599.45	6032.64
8339	LIBRARIAN V	CURRENT		86J	4399.55	5465.91
		10/01/2006		88C	4576.73	5685.36
		07/01/2007	NN	88C	4576.73	5842.09
		01/01/2008	NN	89D	4714.18	6017.73
		07/01/2008	NM	89D	4714.18	6183.09
		01/01/2009	NM	90E	4856.00	6368.91
8326	LIBRARY ASSISTANT I	CURRENT		67J	2642.91	3273.27
		10/01/2006		69C	2748.27	3403.55
		07/01/2007	NN	69C	2748.27	3495.27
		01/01/2008	NN	70D	2829.00	3599.18

	07/01/2008 NM	70D	2829.00	3696.55
	01/01/2009 NM	71E	2913.00	3807.09
8327 LIBRARY ASSISTANT II	CURRENT	69J	2788.09	3453.18
	10/01/2006	71C	2899.00	3590.45
	07/01/2007 NN	71C	2899.00	3687.36
	01/01/2008 NN	72D	2984.09	3797.82
	07/01/2008 NM	72D	2984.09	3900.64
	01/01/2009 NM	73E	3072.82	4016.64
8330 LIBRARY ASSISTANT III	CURRENT	71J	2941.00	3642.82
	10/01/2006	73C	3057.91	3788.55
	07/01/2007 NN	73C	3057.91	3891.09
	01/01/2008 NN	74D	3148.18	4006.73
	07/01/2008 NM	74D	3148.18	4116.55
	01/01/2009 NM	75E	3241.64	4239.82
8331 LIBRARY ASSISTANT IV	CURRENT	73J	3102.64	3844.18
	10/01/2006	75C	3225.82	3996.82
	07/01/2007 NN	75C	3225.82	4106.36
	01/01/2008 NN	76D	3321.55	4229.36
	07/01/2008 NM	76D	3321.55	4345.45
	01/01/2009 NM	77E	3420.09	4476.36
8381 MEDICAL LIBRARIAN I	CURRENT N2	80J	3948.36	4644.91
	10/01/2006 N2	82C	4106.36	4832.00
	07/01/2007 N2N	82C	4106.36	4964.73
	01/01/2008 N2N	83D	4229.36	5114.18
	07/01/2008 N2M	83D	4229.36	5255.00
	01/01/2009 N2M	84E	4356.27	5412.45
8382 MEDICAL LIBRARIAN II	CURRENT	82J	3948.36	4904.00
	10/01/2006	84C	4106.36	5101.45
	07/01/2007 NN	84C	4106.36	5242.00
	01/01/2008 NN	85D	4229.36	5399.09
	07/01/2008 NM	85D	4229.36	5547.18
	01/01/2009 NM	86E	4356.27	5713.73
8384 SENIOR MEDICAL LIBRARIAN	CURRENT	85J	4281.64	5320.00
	10/01/2006	87C	4454.18	5533.45
	07/01/2007 NN	87C	4454.18	5685.36
	01/01/2008 NN	88D	4588.09	5856.64
	07/01/2008 NM	88D	4588.09	6017.73
	01/01/2009 NM	89E	4725.91	6198.45

Section 2.

The parties having jointly reviewed and considered available salary and wage information data, agree that, independent of their relationship to prior salaries, the recommended salaries set forth herein were negotiated in good faith, and that said salaries were determined independently of race, gender, age or national origin.

Section 3.            Step Advances

- a. Full-time permanent employees in this unit who are below the top step of the salary range and who are eligible for an annual step advance will be granted a step advance only when a competent or better Performance Evaluation has been filed by the employee's department head. The Performance Evaluation shall be filed at least one month prior to the employee's step advance anniversary date and within a period which does not exceed one year prior to that date.
  
- b. If no performance review is filed as defined in a. above, or if an employee receives an Improvement Needed Performance Evaluation, the employee's step advance will not be granted on the date due.

Where no Performance Evaluation is issued in accordance with Paragraph a. above, the employee may request his department in writing to issue a Performance Evaluation. The department head shall issue a Performance Evaluation within five days of the employee's request. If said Evaluation is competent or better, the employee shall be granted a step advance effective to

his step advance anniversary date.

- c. Grievances arising out of this section shall be processed as follows:
- (1) Where no Performance Evaluation has been issued in accordance with Paragraph b. above, the employee may file a grievance with the Department of Human Resources. If the Department of Human Resources fails to obtain issuance of such Performance Evaluation within ten days after the grievance is filed with the Department of Human Resources, the employee shall be deemed competent and the step advance shall be processed within 30 days effective to his step anniversary date.
  - (2) Where the department head issues a Performance Evaluation upon request of the Department of Human Resources, and said Performance Evaluation is competent or better, the employee shall be provided a step advance within 30 days effective to his step advance anniversary date.
  - (3) Grievances based on an Improvement Needed Performance Evaluation shall be filed within ten days of issuance with the department head or his designated representative who shall respond to the grievance within ten days. Appeals from a department head decision shall be processed in accordance with Civil Service Rules.

- d. During the term of this agreement, should any changes be made in the existing categories of Performance Evaluations which adversely impacts the application of this section, the parties agree to meet and renegotiate this section. In the event an agreement cannot be reached through negotiations, it is agreed that the Union may submit the dispute to arbitration. The arbitrator shall issue an award on the step advances as affected by the changes in existing categories of Performance Evaluations.

Section 4.                    Vacation For Pay Program

A.    Special Vacation Usage (Vacation for Pay Program)

Any special vacation earned during the period from October 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994 may be used with the prior approval of Management.

B.    Payoff of Special Vacation

On or after August 1, 1995, at the employee's option, unused special vacation may continue to be taken as time off, subject to prior Management approval, or may be converted to pay. An employee electing payment for any portion of the employee's special vacation balance, may submit a request to Management and, within 45 days of that request, shall be paid at the workday pay rate then in effect for the employee. Any employee who terminates County employment shall be paid upon termination at the workday rate then in effect for any remaining special vacation granted pursuant to this article. It is understood that the Board of Supervisors may direct at any time prior to termination that some or all

employees be paid at the workday pay rate then in effect for the employee for some or all of the unused special vacation.

***It is the intent of the parties that this Appendix is provided for informational purposes only and shall not be subject to Arbitration.***

## APPENDIX

### Your Rights Under The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

FMLA requires covered employees to provide up to 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave to "eligible" employees for certain family and medical reasons. Employees are eligible if

they have worked for a covered employer for at least one year, and for 1,250 hours over the previous 12 months, and if there are at least 50 employees within 75 miles.

#### **Reasons For Taking Leave:**

Unpaid leave must be granted for any of the following reasons:

- to care for the employee's child after birth, or placement for adoption or foster care;
- to care for the employee's spouse, son, or daughter, or parent, who has a serious health condition; or
- for a serious health condition that makes the employee unable to perform the employee's job.

At the employee's or the employer's option, certain kinds of paid leave may be substituted for unpaid leave.

#### **Advance Notice and Medical Certification:**

- The employee may be required to provide advance leave notice and medical certification. Taking of leave may be denied if requirements are not met.
- The employee ordinarily must provide 30 days advance notice when the leave is "foreseeable."
- An employer may require medical certification to support a request for leave because of a serious health condition, and may require second or third opinions (at the employer's expense) and a fitness-for-duty report to return to work.

#### **Job Benefits and Protection:**

- For the duration of FMLA leave, the employer must maintain the employee's health coverage under any group health plan.

- Upon return from FMLA, most employees must be restored to their original or equivalent positions with equivalent pay, benefits, and other employment terms.

- The use of FMLA leave cannot result in the loss of any employment benefit that accrued prior to the start of an employee's leave.

#### **Unlawful Acts By Employers:**

FMLA makes it unlawful for any employer to:

- interfere with, restrain, or deny the exercise of any right provided under FMLA.
- discharge or discriminate against any person for opposing any practice made unlawful by FMLA or for involvement in any proceeding under or relating to FMLA.

#### **Enforcement:**

- The U.S. Department of Labor is authorized to investigate and resolve complaints of violations.
- An eligible employee may bring a civil action against an employer for violation.

FMLA does not affect any Federal or State law prohibiting discrimination, or supersede any State or local law or collective bargaining agreement which provides greater family and medical leave rights.

#### **For Additional Information:**

Contact the nearest office of the Wage and Hour Division listed in most telephone directories under U.S. Government, Department of Labor.

U.S. Department of Labor  
Employment Standards Administration  
Wage and Hour Division  
Washington, D C 20210

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Memorandum of Understanding the day, month and year first above written.

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