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Mr. Tom Lemmon, Business Manager
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3737 Camino del Rio So., #202
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Dear Mr. Lemmon,

Thank you for your letter of July 25. It was a strong step forward in helping to resolve what seems to be an impasse in this important opportunity for the region.

I agree with you that local employment for workers from Chula Vista and surrounding areas throughout San Diego County, along with promoting economic vitality, are two primary objectives in opening access to Chula Vista's bayfront to our community.

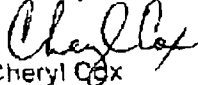
Regarding the parties who actively participate in these labor negotiations, the two most important parties are Gaylord and the leaders of organized labor. Other participants should be present only if invited. If either party believes that I can be helpful, I am prepared to do whatever I can to assist further in bringing Gaylord and labor together.

Finally, the development of Chula Vista's bayfront is of vital interest to the Port and the City of Chula Vista. The Port and the City plan to move forward deliberately and positively with the best partners we can find should Gaylord ultimately determine that circumstances have not sufficiently changed to convince them to return to further negotiations.

The people who build this project will need the skills and training necessary for high-rise, complicated construction. Organized labor plays a key role in this effort.

I am gratified that you have continued to engage in conversations with the City. You and I agree on the most important thing: we both want the best for workers and for the people who live in Chula Vista. We're trying to make that happen.

Cordially


Cheryl Cox
Mayor

cc: Bennett Westbrook, Vice-President, Gaylord Entertainment
Rep. Bob Filner, U.S. Congress