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Re: Pure Water San Diego - Proposed Construction Contract Requirements

Dear Councilmember:

As you know, Laborers Local 89 fully supports the Pure Water Project. It also supports the need to institute requirements to ensure that job quality standards are met. In this regard, the City Council adopted certain conditions for work on the Project at its meeting of November 15, 2018, including requirements for a skilled and trained workforce, a Joint Labor Management Apprenticeship program, a specialty license requirement, and a Veteran's preference. We understand that these conditions are up for Council approval on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

Local 89 **strongly opposes** two of these provisions that have nothing to do with the performance of quality work on the Project, but are appear to favor certain construction unions over others. These provisions are contrary to established law in the State of California.

The first provision is labelled "Specialty License Requirement (NCWRP expansion and AWTF)." This condition requires that all plumbing or pipefitting work "that falls within the classifications of a C-36 license" shall be performed by a contractor with a C-36 license; similarly, it requires that all work "that falls within the classifications of a C-10 License" shall be performed by a contractor with a C-10 license. First, there are no "classifications" contained in the C-36 and C-10 license descriptions. The regulations describe the type of work that these contractors can do, but not a "classification" of worker that must perform the work. Secondly, all the work described in the C-36 and C-10 licenses can be performed by a contractor with a General Engineering A License. There is no legitimate reason why the City Council should single out contractors that do pipefitting or electrical work as being required to have certain licenses. Every contractor on the Project must be

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