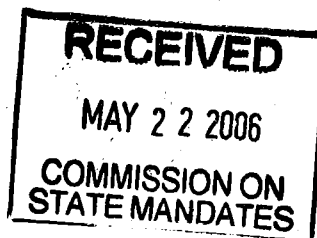


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May 22, 2006

Paula Higashi, Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Binding Arbitration
01-TC-07

Dear Ms. Higashi:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this morning, I am respectfully requesting a continuance of the hearing in this matter, presently set for Thursday, May 25, 2006, to the hearing in July, be it July 26, 27 or 28th.

The reason for my request is that my expert witness, John Liebert, of Liebert, Cassidy and Whitmore, had a family emergency which necessitates his being out of town for the May 25th hearing. I was not apprised of his unavailability until Sunday evening, May 21st. In speaking with him, I have been assured of his availability for a hearing on July 26, 27th or 28th.

Accordingly, I am respectfully requesting that you grant claimant's request for a continuance. I have spoken with my client, James B. Hendrickson of the City of Palos Verdes Estates. He has indicated that he wishes for his expert to be present at the hearing, and joins in the continuance request.

Very truly yours,

Pamela A. Stone
Legal Counsel

cc: John Liebert
James B. Hendrickson

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● Comments:

Paula -
John Lebert informed me that his
unavailability is due to a family
emergency. Enclosed is my letter.
Please let me know by close of
business today if you will ask the
contractor to that Mr. Herderson
may cancel his reservations without
penalty.
I'm off to the doctor, but you can
reach me any time at 415-246-5358.
Thanks
Sam

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