

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
GOLD COAST TRANSIT DISTRICT
AND
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION #721
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COMMON ARTICLES

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Common Articles

This section contains Articles that are common language to all GCTD-SEIU 721 MOUs.

SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

Article 1.03 PARTIES' RIGHTS *(Common Article)*

A. GCTD Management's Rights

The parties hereto recognize that the rights reserved by GCTD include, but are not limited to, the exclusive right to determine the mission of its constituent departments; set standards of service; establish fare collection and sales procedures and methods; determine the procedures and standards of selection for employment and promotion; direct its employees; take disciplinary action; relieve its employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons; maintain the efficiency of transit operations; determine the methods, means and personnel by which transit operations are to be conducted; determine the content of job classifications; take all necessary actions to carry out its mission in emergencies; and exercise complete control and discretion over its organization and the technology of performing its work, except as amended by this agreement.

B. SEIU 721's Rights

The parties hereto recognize that SEIU 721 retains the right to 1) file grievances as to decisions that impact or effect wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, except, however, that the scope of representation shall not include consideration of the merits, necessity, or organization of any service or activity provided by law or executive order, as set forth in Government Code section 3504, and 2) meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment with representatives of such recognized employee organizations, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 3501, and have GCTD consider fully such presentations as are made by the employee organization on behalf of its members prior to arriving at a determination of policy or course of action as set forth in Government Code section 3505.

C. Release for Bargaining

During MOU negotiations, GCTD management will coordinate temporary work schedule or shift changes for employees on SEIU 721's bargaining team to facilitate negotiations. Such changes are subject to operational considerations, and will be limited to three (3) representatives from the Bus Operator's Unit, one (1) representative from the Mechanical Unit and one (1) representative from the Administrative Support Unit.

Article 1.04 SEVERABILITY *(Common Article)*

If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause or phrase of this Memorandum of Understanding is for any reason held to be illegal or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 1.05 MEMBERSHIP UNION DUES DEDUCTION, COPE & INDEMNIFICATION *(Common Article)*

It is mutually agreed that GCTD will, during the term of this Memorandum, deduct monies and remit to SEIU as authorized by Employee Payroll Deduction Authorization providing there are not more than five

deductions per pay period. All requests for payroll deduction shall be submitted no less than seven (7) calendar days before payday. GCTD and SEIU mutually agree that both parties be saved, indemnified and held harmless from any liability due to errors and omissions arising out of the other party's use of the SEIU's sponsored deduction code.

Dues Deduction

The Employer will honor employee authorizations for dues deduction as required by provisions of the Government Code. The authorizations will be maintained by the Union.

Each pay period, the Employer shall send to the Union a list of all employees in the bargaining unit including: each employee's first name, middle initial, last name; employee identification number; employee hire date; employee job classification; work status (ex: full time, part time, hourly, seasonal, etc.); annual base wage amount; base wage earned per pay period; hourly rate; wage step (if applicable); and total hours worked in the pay period. This information shall be sent in Excel format to dues@seiu721.org within five (5) business days of each payday.

Each pay period, the Union shall provide the employer with an "authorized deduction report" which includes bargaining unit members who have authorized the deduction of Union dues, COPE and other deductions and the deduction amounts.

The Employer shall take the dues and other applicable deductions from the employees' paychecks and remit such itemized deductions to the Union within ten (10) business days of each payday. To the extent possible, such payments shall be made via an electronic funds transfer. The Employer shall also provide the breakdown of each amount remitted (i.e., dues, COPE, supplementary benefits, etc.).

Committee on Political Education (COPE)

Employees may make voluntary contributions to the Union's registered political action committees. The employer shall make the deduction of the voluntary contributions in the same manner as the dues deduction process.

Every pay period the Union will notify the employer with a list of employees and the appropriate deduction amount on the "authorized deduction report" of the employees who have signed an authorization for the COPE deduction.

Employees may discontinue voluntary political deductions by providing notice of cancellation to the Union and the Union shall transmit such notice of cancellation to the Employers by the next full pay period cycle.

Indemnification

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

Article 1.06 NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY (Common Article)

It is agreed that neither SEIU nor GCTD shall discriminate against any employee for any category protected by state or federal law, or because of union membership or lawful union activity.

In addition, it is agreed that SEIU, GCTD and employees will endeavor to interact with each other in a professional manner, with respect and dignity.

Article 1.07 DEFINITIONS *(Common Article)*

As an aid to understanding the meaning of certain clauses, this section provides definitions of words contained within this agreement.

Employee

Anyone hired by GCTD who has not terminated that relationship, either voluntarily or involuntarily, and is covered by this agreement.

Regular Employee

Any employee who has successfully completed the probationary period for the employee's current position.

Probationary Employee

Period of time from placement into a position until the employee becomes a regular employee. Normal introductory period is the initial six (6) months of employment in a specific classification, in accordance with Section 23G of the GCTD Personnel Rules. Regular three month reviews of performance will be conducted during the probationary period, including any extensions of the probationary period. This means that all probationary employees will receive a three-month review. Any employee whose probation is extended beyond six months will receive a six-month review, and any employee who remains on probation after nine months will receive a nine-month review.

Full Time

Regular assignment in position is at least 32 hours a week.

Part Time

Regular assignment in position is less than 32 hours a week.

Extra Board

Required to work as assigned.

Temporary Employee

Anyone hired by GCTD for an interim, short term period which is not covered by this agreement. No bus operators will be hired as temporary employees

SECTION 2 WAGES

Article 2.02 LONGEVITY PAY *(Common Article)*

To encourage stability of employment with GCTD, additional payment over and above the wage assigned to a position classification shall be paid to each regular full-time employee as follows:

- A. Employees shall receive an additional sum equal to one percent (1%) of the employee's basic wage step held by the employee for each five (5) years of GCTD service.
- B. The additional payment shall be made at each time any installment of wage is made to the eligible employee, and the amount of the additional payment shall be predicated upon the increment of wage then paid.

Article 2.03 INCENTIVE FOR ATTENDANCE *(Common Article)*

If an employee has no unscheduled absences (sick leave, GCTD family leave as defined in Article 5.02E, suspensions or industrial leave) in a 6-month period (November 1-April 30; May 1-October 31), a bonus of \$200 for each qualifying 6-month period will be paid. If an employee has no unscheduled absences for the full contract year (November 1-October 31), an additional \$200 bonus will be paid, for a maximum of \$600 per contract year.

Article 2.04 OUT-OF-CLASSIFICATION PAY *(Common Article)*

If the General Manager or designee temporarily appoints a unit employee to a higher salaried position, their wage shall be at least five percent (5%) greater than being earned at the employee's regular classification. Assignment to be appointed out-of-classification work for three or more days will be provided in writing.

SECTION 4 BENEFITS

Article 4.01 MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND VISION INSURANCE *(Common Article)*

For purposes of determining benefit contributions, Full Time includes all employees (including Extraboard Bus Operators) who regularly work at least 32 hours per week (regardless of bid hours). Part Time means employees who are regularly scheduled to work less than 32 hours per week.

- a. If GCTD's contribution to medical, dental, and/or vision insurance premium is in excess of the respective amounts for the employee, no excess monies shall be returned to the employee. Beginning in calendar year 2023, employees who "opt out" of health insurance coverage can receive a \$150 monthly "opt out" payment upon providing proof of alternative health insurance coverage. "Opt out" means a waiver of all GCTD insurance premium contribution dollars.
- b. If two GCTD employees are a legally married couple or registered domestic partners, GCTD will pay for their full premium of the HMO plans of health and dental insurance and vision insurance. The two GCTD employees must select joint insurance coverage under either "Employee+1" or "Employee + family."
- c. GCTD Management will review benefit and premium proposals and recommendations with the SEIU stewards or designated representatives by September 21st of each year. GCTD shall authorize paid time up to an aggregate total of four (4) hours per year for a maximum of three SEIU stewards or designated representatives participating in this review. Effective January 1st, 2025, and January 1st 2026, GCTD's contribution for each employee shall be equivalent to one-hundred percent (100%) of the employee only tier, eighty-three percent (83%) of the employee + one tier, eighty-one percent (81%) of the employee + family tier, of the monthly rate for the CalPERS Kaiser Permanente medical HMO plan for the Ventura Area that provides the maximum benefit, and such contribution shall be inclusive of the minimum CalPERS medical insurance payment amount as specified in Section 22892 et seq. of the Government Code. Effective January 1st, 2026 and January 1st 2027, this amount shall increase to one-hundred percent (100%) of the employee only tier, eighty-three percent (83%) of the employee + one tier, eighty-three percent (83%) of the employee + family tier, of the monthly rate for the CalPERS Kaiser plan as described above.
- d. During the term of the MOU, if Kaiser health insurance premiums increase by an average of by more than twelve percent per year, there shall be a re-opener to discuss options of paying the increased premium cost.
- e. GCTD and SEIU agree to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for the employees.

Article 4.02 RETIREMENT *(Common Article)*

A. The retirement program for GCTD employees who are characterized as CLASSIC under the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) and the California Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) is the CalPERS 2.7% @ 55 full and supplemental formula for local miscellaneous members and 1959 Survivor Benefit Level.

The retirement program for GCTD employees who are characterized as PEPRA under the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) and the California Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) is the CalPERS 2% @ 62 Formula for Miscellaneous/Industrial Members PEPRA program and 1959 Survivor Benefit Level IV.

B. GCTD CLASSIC employees shall each contribute 6% of the 8% PERS employee contribution, and GCTD shall contribute the remaining 2% share. GCTD PEPRA employees will contribute 100% of the employee share in accordance with the PEPRA statute.

Article 4.03 LIFE INSURANCE *(Common Article)*

GOLD COAST TRANSIT shall provide term life insurance benefits in the amount of \$100,000.

Article 4.04 LONG-TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE *(Common Article)*

Effective January 1, 2006, GCTD shall provide 100% employer paid coverage of long-term disability insurance that will provide a minimum of sixty percent (60%) of earnings after six months of disability. Maximum monthly benefit shall not exceed \$3,000.

Article 4.05 RETIREE MEDICAL TRUST FUND *(Common Article)*

GCTD contributes the minimum employer health contribution amount of retirees who elect to enroll into medical as a Retiree. The Minimum Employer contribution amount is prescribed by Government Code section 22892 of the Public Employee's Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA). This section provides that "the employer contribution shall be adjusted annually by the board to reflect any changes the medical care component of the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPI-U) and shall be rounded to the nearest dollar."

SECTION 5 LEAVE TIME

Article 5.01 HOLIDAYS *(Common Article)*

A. All employees covered by this Memorandum shall be paid holiday pay as provided in this Article. The paid holidays shall be:

1. New Year's Day - January 1
2. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day - Third Monday in January
3. Washington's Birthday - Third Monday in February
4. Cesar Chavez's Birthday - March 31
5. Memorial Day - Last Monday in May
6. Juneteenth - June 19
7. Independence Day - July 4
8. Labor Day - First Monday in September
9. Veterans Day - November 11
10. Thanksgiving Day - Fourth Thursday in November
11. Thanksgiving Friday - Day following Thanksgiving
12. Christmas Eve - The last half work day immediately before Christmas Day
13. Christmas Day - December 25
14. New Year's Eve - The last half work day immediately before New Year's Day

Management will meet and confer with SEIU before proposing to provide scheduled service for any holiday on which GCTD currently is closed.

B. Employees shall be paid two and one-half (2½) times their regular hourly rate for all time worked on holidays as listed above. Employees who call out sick for the full or partial shift of their last regularly scheduled day before the holiday, the full or partial shift of their first regularly scheduled day after the holiday, or the full or partial shift of their regularly scheduled holiday shift shall be ineligible for holiday

pay unless they use accrued sick leave for such absence(s). For purposes of this article, a scheduled overtime shift is considered a regularly scheduled day.

- C. Employees shall receive straight time plus one-half (½) their regular hourly rate as vacation time for scheduled hours not worked on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- D. If a holiday falls on an employee's regularly scheduled time off, vacation time off shall be granted.
- E. Notwithstanding anything above the table below explains how Holidays shall be paid.

HOLIDAY PAY GRID	
Applicable to all Full Time and Extra Board	
If not prescheduled, and employee does not work to cover the full shift the day before and the day after the holiday, the employee must use accrued sick leave to cover the absence or they lose all holiday benefits including consecutive holidays. (ie. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day.)	
SCHEDULED to Work & Worked	
Service Provided	No Service Provided
Holiday Pay at one and one-half times their hourly rate for hours worked. Pay at their hourly rate for all hours actually worked. For any of those hours that exceed 40 hours in the workweek, this pay shall be one and one-half times their regular rate of pay. <i>Example: Employee worked 40 hours in a week prior to the holiday. On the holiday, employee would receive Regular OT of 1.5 + Holiday OT Pay of 1.5. This equals 3 times the Regular Pay per hour. **See above.</i>	N/A
SCHEDULED to Work & DID NOT Work	
Service Provided	No Service Provided
Other holidays If it is prescheduled sick and still have a bid, they would receive the bid hours as banked vacation. Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve (1/2 day holiday) Four hours banked vacation	Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's Day Operators: Paid straight time <u>plus</u> ½ regular hours as banked vacation Admin/Mech: Eight hours holiday pay plus four hours banked vacation Labor, July 4th, Memorial Eight hours holiday pay
NOT Scheduled to Work & DID NOT Work	
Service Provided	No Service Provided
Other holidays Eight hours banked vacation Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve (1/2 day holiday) Four hours banked vacation	Thanksgiving, Christmas, & New Year's Day Twelve hours banked vacation Labor, July 4th, Memorial Eight hours banked vacation

Article 5.02 SICK LEAVE (Common Article)

- A. All regular full-time employees hired prior to December 2, 1981 will accrue sick leave at the rate of 3.693 hours per biweekly pay period (equivalent of eight [8] hours per month).

- B. As of November 1, 2005, all employees hired after December 1, 1981 who become full-time employees will accrue sick leave at the rate of 3.08 hours per bi-weekly pay period (equivalent of six [6] hours per month).
- C. Effective January 1, 1985, all regular employees who have accrued sick leave for one full calendar year and uses sixteen (16) hours or less of accrued sick leave in a calendar year may elect to convert eight (8) hours of accrued sick leave to eight (8) hours of vacation. Such election shall be made in January of the following calendar year.
- D. All employees accumulating 480 hours of sick leave may elect to convert sixteen (16) hours of such sick leave to vacation leave. This election shall be made one time each calendar year and shall be on a one for one basis.
- E. An employee may use up to one-half the annual accrual rate for the care of the employee's child (biological, foster, or adopted child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis), parent (biological, foster, or adoptive parent, a stepparent, or a legal guardian), spouse or registered domestic partner.
- F. A note from a medical physician confirming treatment is required if (1) an employee is on sick leave for three or more consecutive days or (2) for less than three consecutive days, at the discretion of the Department Director with consultation with Human Resources, based on the employee's attendance record and with prior notice. The General Manager, or designee, shall review each January and July the record of those employees who have mandatory requirements to provide a physician's note. The findings will be provided to SEIU.

In the biannual attendance record review each January and July:

1) Employees who have seven (7) sick days in the six-month review period will be placed on the mandatory physician's note list. Full or partial sick days each count as an absence. Prescheduled sick-day absences will not count toward this total, sick days covered by approved FMLA leave or a worker's compensation leave of absence will not count toward this total, and for employees with an extended illness or injury absence only the first three days of each extended absence will count toward this total; The District will provide employees with written notice regarding their status on the Doctor Note List.

2) Employees on the mandatory physician's note list must have four (4) or fewer sick day absences to be removed from the mandatory physician's note list. Employees with an extended absence during the six month review period will not be eligible to be removed from the mandatory physician's note list.

3) The General Manager reserves the discretionary right to excuse any employee from the mandatory physician's note list based on extenuating circumstances. Employees may elect to be placed on the list on a voluntary basis.

Article 5.03 EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE DONATION PROGRAM *(Common Article)*

The purpose of this program is to allow regular employees to voluntarily donate a portion of their accumulated vacation or sick leave hours for use by another regular employee who has suffered a catastrophic illness or injury.

- A. A catastrophic illness or injury is a severe illness or injury constituting a momentous tragic event of extreme misfortune that is expected to incapacitate the employee for an extended period of time and which creates a financial hardship because the employee has exhausted all of their accumulated leave banks.
- B. The application of this program is on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the SEIU steward team for represented employees. Upon authorization from the employee requesting a donation, the District will provide SEIU with that employee's leave balances to assist with their decision.

- C. Eligibility to participate in this program is limited to regular employees.
- D. Accumulated vacation or sick leave time may be donated. To be eligible to donate, an employee must retain a minimum of 60 hours in the accrual bank designated. If the adjusted accrual bank falls beneath this minimum, no donation can be made.
- E. During a twelve-month period, an employee may donate to a recipient a maximum of 40 hours and a minimum of 4 hours.
- F. The maximum donated hours an employee may receive is 480 hours in a twelve-month period.
- G. Donated leave hours will be credited to the recipient's sick leave bank on an hour-for-hour basis at the recipient's hourly rate of pay at the time the sick leave is used.
- H. All donated time will be designated as sick leave accrual for the recipient.
- I. If the employee is receiving state disability insurance or temporary disability indemnity benefits payments, the payment of the leave will be adjusted to the normal net take-home pay (as defined in the policy under Section 5.04 Industrial Leave).
- J. Donated vacation hours, up to a maximum of 40 vacation hours in a rolling 12-month period, shall be counted as "used hours" for the purposes of qualifying for the vacation redemption benefit referenced in Section 9F of the GCTD Personnel Rules.

Article 5.04 INDUSTRIAL LEAVE (*Common Article*)

Any employee incapacitated to work because of injury or disease arising out of and suffered in the course of GCTD employment, is entitled to industrial injury leave during the period of the employee's incapacity.

- A. Worker's Compensation Benefits: If the injury or disease is covered by the Worker's Compensation Insurance and Safety Act, the employee is entitled to benefits provided under the Act, including:
 - 1. Related Medical Expenses; and
 - 2. Temporary and permanent disability indemnity benefit payments.
- B. Industrial Disability Compensation: Whenever any GCTD employee is disabled temporarily and is entitled to receive temporary disability indemnity benefits payments provided under the Worker's Compensation Insurance and Safety Act, the employee may fill out a form indicating the use of accumulated sick leave time and/or accumulated vacation time up to the amount of the employee's net take-home pay, but not to exceed a total period of twenty-six (26) weeks for any one injury or all combined injuries within one calendar year. The integration form must be submitted to the payroll office prior to the end of the pay period and the decision is irrevocable. If a form is not submitted within the required time period, the automatic default will be the use of only the accumulated sick leave time up to the amount of the employee's net take-home pay, but not to exceed a total period of twenty-six (26) weeks for any one injury or all combined injuries within one calendar year.

As used in this section, "net take-home pay" means an employee's regular, current biweekly rate of pay, less deductions for federal and state income tax and CalPERS retirement plan contributions: the term does not include overtime, standby or shift differential pay. GCTD shall continue to pay insurance premiums for the period of industrial injury for the employee, but not to exceed a period of twenty-six (26) weeks provided the carrier for each of these programs will accept the payment without additional premium cost to GCTD.

Article 5.05 BEREAVEMENT LEAVE (*Common Article*)

- A. When an employee is absent from duty because of the death of a member of the employee's immediate family, such employee shall be entitled to five (5) working days leave of absence with pay. Immediate family shall be the father, mother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, spouse or registered domestic partner, children (biological, adopted or step), brother, sister, grandparent or grandchild of the employee. Bereavement leave usage must be taken within 90 days.
- B. The first five (5) days of bereavement leave taken by an employee are not chargeable to accrued leave. Any authorized bereavement leave taken in excess of five (5) days is chargeable to either accrued sick or vacation leave, at the employee's discretion.

The appointing authority shall grant an excused absence from duty of one working day using the employee's sick or vacation accruals because of the death of an uncle and/or an aunt. Additional days may be granted on as a needed basis.

- C. A regular employee who has accrued sick leave may take an additional two days chargeable to accumulated sick leave if in the opinion of the General Manager excessive travel is required in connection with the death of a family member.
- D. Management will make every effort to grant requests for vacation or comp time for bereavement for relatives not listed in Section "A" above, when documentation of the death and funeral service is provided. In such circumstances, time off for the grieving employee may take priority over other employees' non-bid vacation requests which have not yet been approved.

Granting such bereavement requests will be at the discretion of management based on operating requirements.

Article 5.06 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM LEAVE (*Common Article*)

GCTD may approve the use of paid vacation and/or compensatory time for emergency leave requests by an employee actively involved in a public agency sponsored community service program relating to emergency search and rescue programs, provided that the following requirements are met:

- A. The employee must provide evidence that they are an active volunteer for a Public Agency sponsored community service program relating to emergency search and rescue.
- B. The employee must receive written authorization from their immediate supervisor. The authorization shall not be orally and must be communicated in person between the employee and the immediate supervisor.
- C. Under no condition shall GCTD be obligated to pay premium time pay for the employee during the time of their participation in the community service program.
- D. Within one week (5 calendar days) upon return to work at GCTD, the employee shall provide written verification on the letterhead of the public agency sponsoring the emergency search and rescue program, and signed by a supervisor of that agency, stating that the employee was performing a specific emergency search and rescue function.
- E. The public agency sponsoring the emergency search and rescue program shall certify in writing that GCTD be held harmless in the event that the participating GCTD employee is injured, becomes ill or otherwise is incapacitated as a result of performing any and all of the public agency safety service activities.
- F. The employee must have sufficient vacation time and/or compensatory time accrued for this leave to be granted.

Article 5.07 FMLA/CFRA (Common Article)

Employees on FMLA/CFRA leave may utilize paid leaves. The twelve (12) month period used for determining eligibility shall be based on a twelve (12) month rolling-back period. GCTD agrees to pay medical premiums while on approved FMLA/CFRA leave in accordance with applicable law. Employees may use accrued sick leave, accrued vacation leave or compensatory time off when on FMLA/CFRA leave in order to remain in a paid status. Use of such leave may be integrated with other disability leave benefits.

Article 5.08 VACATION (Common Article)

A. VACATION ACCRUAL: Employees having an appointment to a regular position are eligible for their first vacation accrual when they have completed two weeks of continuous service. All employees who have appointments to regular positions earn vacation accrual for each biweekly pay period, or major fraction thereof of service, from the date of their original appointment in accordance with the following table:

<u>VACATION CREDIT FOR FULL-TIME SERVICE</u>		
<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>	<u>HOURS PER MO.</u>	<u>HOURS BIWEEKLY</u>
Less than 5	8.13	3.75
5 but less than 10	10.29	4.75
10 but less than 13	12.46	5.75
13 but less than 15	14.63	6.75
15 or more	16.25	7.5

B. VACATION SEVERANCE PAY: Any employee who leaves the service of GCTD shall be paid for accrued vacation at the rate currently authorized for the position-classification wage range and step level.

C. VACATION CARRIED FORWARD: Vacations shall be taken as earned or within the calendar year following the year that vacation time is accrued. Accrued vacation time may be carried forward to the following year, but in no instance may an employee carry forward total vacation accrual as of the first of April of any year greater than 340 hours. Employees affected by this limit will be notified during January of each year that they either are already over the maximum, or could exceed the maximum on or before the first of April. The employee can then do any or all of the following:

1. After January 1st and prior to March 31st, request or volunteer to be assigned enough vacation days to bring the accrued vacation time amount below the maximum. All vacations must be scheduled in accordance with the rules and processes defined in section 5.09 of the MOU. All assigned vacation must be completed prior to April 1st.
2. Prior to April 1st, request vacation redemption, in accordance with Section 9F of the Personnel Rules, to bring the accrued vacation time amount below the maximum by April 1st, or
3. On or after March 1st and prior to April 1st, request conversion of accrued vacation time to accrued sick time. A maximum of 40 hours can be converted from accrued vacation time to accrued sick time in any one year. This conversion can be made only by an employee who has been notified that they are or will be over the maximum, can only be made during this period, and will only be approved if such action will allow the employee to drop below the maximum accrued vacation limit.
4. If no action is taken, the employee will cease accruing additional vacation hours starting with the first pay period beginning after April 1st, until enough vacation is taken that the accrued vacation time drops below the maximum.

D. VACATION SCHEDULING: The vacation period may be taken at one time, or it may be taken several days at a time if it so fits the work program of GCTD. In any event, the vacation time off is to be

scheduled by the General Manager, or designee, in such a manner that GCTD's functions will not be greatly interrupted.

- E. ADDITIONAL VACATION IN LIEU OF SICK LEAVE: When an employee's accumulated sick leave credit as of the First of January of each year exceeds the maximum allowable, the employee shall receive an additional vacation leave entitlement of 25% of such excess sick leave.

Article 5.09 ARTICLE NUMBER NOT USED

Article 5.10 TIME OFF FOR MILITARY SERVICE - UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES RESERVE TRAINING (*Common Article*)

A) An employee subject to the terms of this MOU, who is called into or enlists in the Armed Forces of the United States, shall be given leaves of absence in accordance with applicable state and federal laws affecting military leave.

B) An employee subject to the terms of this MOU shall be granted necessary time off for military training as provided for under Section 395 of the California Military and Veterans Code.

C) An employee subject to the terms of this MOU will be compensated with pay for time off for a maximum of 30 calendar days for time involved in active duty training in accordance with Sections 395.01, 395.02, and 395.05 of the Military and Veterans Code as may be applicable.

D) An employee subject to the terms of this MOU will be compensated for the shortfall between military pay and pay for the employee's regularly scheduled GCTD shift or shifts, if any, for days spent in inactive duty training time or drills, not to exceed 24 days in any calendar year. GCTD shall also allow paid time off for one-half day on the day immediately preceding an inactive duty training assignment if that preceding day is a scheduled work day.

SECTION 6 WORKING CONDITIONS

Article 6.02 PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS (*Common Article*)

GCTD will provide physical examinations for each employee by a GCTD selected physician once every two (2) years, or more often as required to maintain a commercial driving license.

1. GCTD will normally plan to schedule recertification physicals three to four weeks ahead of the expiration date.

2. Physical examinations may either be conducted by a doctor on staff at GCTD's contracted provider or by a certified doctor of the employee's choice. The cost of these examinations will be paid by GCTD, unless the employee chooses his or her own certified doctor, in which case the employee shall bear the cost of the examination. The decision to have the examination conducted by a doctor of the employee's choosing must be made prior to the initial examination. Once an examination has been conducted by a doctor at GCTD's contracted provider, then all follow up matters must be reviewed and approved by that provider.

3. Upon request, GCTD will provide employees with a list of the doctors who are currently on staff at the District's contracted provider and who have the proper DOT certification to conduct the physical examination.

4. GCTD will check with the employee prior to scheduling an appointment to see if they have any objection to being examined by a particular doctor on staff at GCTD's contracted provider. GCTD will

communicate this to the provider when scheduling appointments. Excluding a doctor from consideration may limit times available for appointments

Article 6.03 TEXTBOOK AND TUITION REIMBURSEMENT *(Common Article)*

GCTD shall provide reimbursement for the cost of textbooks, tuition, registration and laboratory fees for school courses, workshops, and seminars completed on the employee's own time. A maximum of one-thousand-two-hundred \$1,200 dollars per fiscal year shall be covered for each employee that has successfully completed eligible course work. Courses must be completed satisfactorily with grade of "C" or its equivalent in order to be eligible for reimbursement. In order to be eligible, courses must be offered at an institution that has been accredited through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). (A listing of the institutions is on the web site of WASC—<http://www.wascweb.org>.)

Advance approval for the reimbursement of eligible expenses must be received from GCTD prior to the first class session. An official record of grades and receipts must be received by GCTD within 90 days after the last class session. Reimbursement will be made to the employee within two weeks after the grade report and receipts have been submitted to GCTD.

Article 6.05 ACCIDENT REVIEW BOARD *(Common Article)*

- A. **Accident Review** - The, Operations Manager or designee, shall conduct a review of all occurrence reports to determine if the occurrence was an "incident" or an "accident". On reports determined to be an "accident" the Operations Manager, or designee, shall make a determination of "preventable" or "non-preventable". This determination is to be made in a timely manner. The employee involved in the occurrence will be notified of the classification of the incident and the determination on preventability. This designation will be made based on information contained in the accident report, interviews with the employee and any witnesses and review of video if available. The Operations Manager, or designee, will utilize Transportation Safety Institute guidelines in determining preventability.
- B. **Appeal Process** - If the employee involved disagrees with the determination made by the Operations Manager, or designee, the operator may appeal that decision to the Accident Review Board (ARB). The Board may uphold or overturn the previous decision based upon a full review of the facts and evidence, and such action is final.
- C. **Action** - It will be the responsibility of the Operations Manager to inform the affected operators of the results and finding of the ARB.
- D. **ARB Organization** - The Accident Review Board (ARB) will be comprised of one (1) Operator Representative, one (1) Management Representative, and one (1) Maintenance Representative. All voting representatives except Management Representative shall possess a valid Class A or B license. All voting representatives shall be rotated at least every three years. Each ARB member may have one alternate designated to serve in the member's absence. The designated alternate must have an appropriate background to be able to determine if an accident is preventable or non-preventable.
 - 1. **Operator Representative:** To be eligible to serve on the ARB an Operator should be required to have to their credit at least one full year of no-accident driving with GCTD. This will help to avoid criticism of Board Members by adjudged Operators. This representative will be selected by the Operators.
 - 2. **Management Representative:** The Management Representative will display real interest in the safety programs and provide authority in the Board decisions. This representative will be selected by the Operations Manager with the concurrence of the General Manager

3. Maintenance Representative: The Maintenance Representative should have an all-around working knowledge of the maintenance of all vehicles should questions of mechanical failure come up in a meeting. This representative will be a Mechanic I, Mechanic II or Mechanic III, and will be selected by SEIU.
4. Ex-Officio Member: GCTD's Chief Safety Officer shall serve as a nonvoting, ex-officio member of the ARB. The ex-officio member will be responsible for video review and will participate only in the capacity of a moderator and facilitator.
- E. Action/Voting: Voting will be conducted by secret ballot with all ARB members present, including the Ex-Officio Member. The voting will take place without confrontational deliberation or harassment. There will be no arguing. It will be the responsibility of Management to inform all involved Operators of the results and findings of the ARB.
- F. Method of Operation: The ARB shall review the accident reports and uphold or overturn the previous decision as to the preventability or non-preventability of the accident on the basis of those facts. The Board shall not assume the accident was preventable unless the driver refuses to cooperate with the investigation or fails to completely fill out an accident report as required by GCTD. The ARB will meet monthly as needed to review the accidents that occurred in the previous month.
- G. Definition of Preventability: A preventable accident is any occurrence involving a GCTD-owned or operated vehicle which results in property damage and/or personal injury, regardless of who was injured, what property was damaged, to what extent, or where it happened, in which the Operator in question failed to do everything he/she reasonably could have done to prevent the occurrence.
- H. Guide to Determine Accident Preventability: This Safety Program is designed to recognize skilled, safe driving performance, not just average performance. It is based on the concept of defensive driving - the ability to avoid accidents in spite of the wrong actions of the other drivers and in spite of adverse driving conditions.
- I. Determination by the Accident Review Board: Once a determination is made by the Board, the Operator may appeal that determination at the next ARB meeting. The Board may uphold or overturn its previous decision based upon additional facts, and such action is final. The ARB shall not make personnel decisions nor be responsible for adverse actions against GCTD employees. If a member decides to challenge a preventable accident decision, no additional charges should be added against him/her unless GCTD discover new safety violations that were missed in the initial review, in that case GCTD may bring those violations to the employee's attention in the way of coaching and not in punitive way.

SECTION 7 UNION RIGHTS

Article 7.01 REASONABLE NOTICE (*Common Article*)

Except in cases of emergency, GCTD shall provide advance notice to SEIU of any intended significant change to any rule, procedure or practice which falls within the scope of bargaining.

Reasonable written notice (normally not less than fifteen [15] calendar days) shall be given to SEIU of any proposed rule, resolution or regulation directly relating to matters within the scope of representation, as defined in California Government Code Section 3505, prior to the time it is presented to the Board of Directors for consideration, or, if not a matter of Board policy, prior to implementation. If SEIU, within seven calendar days of receiving such written notice, requests to meet and confer on the proposal, such a meeting will be held within fourteen calendar days of the request unless time is extended by mutual agreement. The meeting will be held prior to implementation or presentation to the Board.

In cases of emergency (defined as an unforeseen combination of circumstances that calls for immediate action and which does not occur with a degree of regularity) when the Board of Directors determines that a rule, resolution or regulation must be adopted immediately without prior notice or meeting with SEIU/Stewards, GCTD shall provide such notice and opportunity to meet at the earliest practicable time following the adoption of such a rule, resolution or regulation for reconsideration of the matter.

Article 7.02 ACCESS TO PREMISES *(Common Article)*

GCTD agrees that SEIU's representatives and/or stewards shall have reasonable access to the work premises for the purpose of investigating, processing and/or resolving grievances, providing that SEIU's representatives and/or officers/stewards shall notify the supervisor in the area upon arriving on the premises. It is agreed by GCTD and SEIU that grievances may be processed during working hours subject to the provisions that the mission and operation of GCTD are not unreasonably interrupted or interfered with, nor unsafe conditions are created by such activity. It is agreed that officers/stewards shall be permitted to conduct a reasonable amount of SEIU business regarding grievances during working hours without loss of pay; and that the union may appoint one [1] officer/steward per every thirty [30] unit employees. In addition, one steward may be appointed by the union from any represented units. All SEIU Local 721 certified stewards will be allowed to represent employees in any bargaining unit (Administrative Support, Mechanical, and Bus Operators). SEIU may use GCTD facilities to conduct meetings subject to and in accordance with presently existing applicable rules.

Article 7.03 STEWARD ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE *(Common Article)*

GCTD shall authorize the use of vacation or compensatory time up to an aggregate total of thirty-two [32] hours per year for use by SEIU officer(s)/steward(s) to attend employer-employee relations seminars or other union conferences. Time off for this purpose may take priority over other employees' non-bid vacation requests which have not yet been approved. Granting such time off requests will be at the discretion of management based on operating requirements.

Article 7.04 ADVERSE ACTION, NOTICE AND PROCEDURES *(Common Article)*

- A. An adverse action is defined as a violation of the expressed terms of this Memorandum of Understanding or the GCTD Personnel Rules, or other rules or practices in place at GCTD. Any regular employee against whom an adverse action is initiated by GCTD, for suspension without pay, demotions, and dismissals, absent any extraordinary or truly unusual circumstances, will be given pre-disciplinary procedural rights, such as notice and a hearing.

The notice shall be served upon the employee either personally, by mail or by company mail, and shall include: (1) notice of the intended action, the cause or causes thereof, (2) the employee's acts or omissions that form the basis for the cause(s), (3) information to the employee that any documents or materials giving rise to the action will be made available for the employee's inspection or that copies thereof are attached to the notice of intended action, and (4) notice that the employee will have the right to respond to the allegations set forth in the notice of intent, either in writing or at a pre-disciplinary meeting or conference. Upon employee request, GCTD will notify the Union.

1. **Grievance Procedure:** Adverse actions consisting of suspensions without pay of two days or less, imposed upon employees where minor actions may not require pre-disciplinary Skelly Procedures, are adjudicated by a Grievance Procedure. GCTD will apply pre-disciplinary procedural rights on suspensions without pay of 2 days or less for any regular employee against whom an adverse action is initiated, in accordance with the grievance procedure described in Article 7.04B.
2. **Skelly Procedure:** Adverse actions consisting of suspensions without pay of more than two days, demotions or dismissals, are adjudicated by a Skelly Procedure. GCTD will apply pre-disciplinary procedural rights on behalf of any regular employee against whom an adverse action is initiated, in accordance with the process described in Article 7.05.

3. **Letters to the file:** Letters to the file by GCTD pertaining to employees which are not grievable may be rebutted, in writing, by the employee within ten (10) working days after receipt of the letter. Letters to the file shall not be incorporated into the employee's personnel file if there are no similar occurrences within one year from the date of issuance of the correspondence. It shall be the employee's responsibility to request GCTD to remove the document(s) in accordance with this provision.
4. **Reprimands/Letters of Warning:** Reprimands or letters of warning shall be grievable and shall be appealable under the grievance procedure described in Article 7.04B.

Written reprimands or letters of warning which are more than two years old will not be referenced for disciplinary purposes; this does not apply to discipline for occurrences which took place prior to the date this contract was signed.

- B. **Grievance Procedure:** A "grievance" shall be defined as a controversy between GCTD and SEIU or an employee or employees. Such controversy must pertain to a dispute regarding the interpretation, application or enforcement of the terms of this Memorandum, or the Resolutions or Rules of GCTD that fall within the scope of representation and excluding the practical consequences or impact on employment terms or conditions of decisions made by GCTD under Article 1.03 "GCTD Management Rights Reserved." There shall be an earnest effort on the part of both parties to settle grievances promptly through the steps listed below.

1. **STEP ONE –RESPONSE TO NOTICE - WRITTEN GRIEVANCE:**

- a. An employee's grievance must be submitted, verbally or on the grievance form, to the employee's supervisor within fifteen (15) calendar days after initial notice is served. The Supervisor will give a written response to the employee by the end of the seventh (7th) calendar day following the presentation of the grievance.

- b. If the employee disputes the supervisor's response to the grievance, the grievance must be reduced to writing by the employee, fully stating the facts surrounding the grievance and detailing the specific provisions of this Memorandum, Resolution or Rule alleged to have been violated, the specific remedy or remedies sought, signed and dated by the employee and presented to the General Manager, or designee, within seven (7) calendar days after termination of Step One.

2. **STEP TWO - PRE-DISCIPLINARY MEETING AND NOTICE OF ACTION:**

A meeting with the employee, Steward and/or Union Business Representative and General Manager or designee will be arranged at a mutually agreeable location and time to review and discuss the grievance. The meeting will take place within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the grievance is received by the General Manager or designee. The General Manager or designee may invite other members or representatives of management to be present at such meeting. After reviewing the information presented by the employee and all other documentation, the general manager, or designee, will issue the notice of action in a written reply by the end of the tenth (10th) calendar day following the date of the meeting. The employee must be provided at least five (5) days notice before the effective date of the action.

Time limits as set forth in Step One and Step Two may be extended by mutual agreement between the parties.

3. **STEP THREE – MEDIATION -**

Grievances which are not settled and which either party desires to contest further shall be submitted to MEDIATION. The process is as follows: Either party may request the grievance be submitted to mediation within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the written reply from Step Three. The State Mediation and Conciliation Service (SMCS), a service provided by the Stated Department of Industrial Relations, shall be requested to provide a mediator to meet with the parties in an attempt to resolve the grievance. In the event the attempt to mediate the grievance is not successful, any

offers of compromise, or statements of the mediator or the parties made during the mediation phase are confidential and may not be disclosed in any manner whatsoever or offered as evidence or as an admission against interest in any other administrative proceeding, arbitration or judicial proceeding.

The parties agree to bear their own costs, if any, of mediation including attorney's fees.

The parties may agree by advance mutual written consent, that any mediation hearing be considered final and the decision therein be considered binding on both parties. In a binding mediation, the ground rules set forth for Section 7.04(B)(5) "Arbitration," items b through f, shall apply to the mediation. If the parties agree by advance to binding mediation, this shall be the final step and Section 7.04(B)(5) "Arbitration" will not apply. The parties agree to bear their own counsel fees, if any, for binding mediation.

4. **STEP FOUR - ARBITRATION:** Grievances which are not settled and which either party desires to contest further, shall be submitted to arbitration as provided in Step Four within fifteen (15) calendar days from completion of step three, mediation. The process is as follows:
 - a. As soon as possible, and in any event not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after either party received written notice from the other of the desire to arbitrate, an arbitrator shall be selected from a list provided by the State Mediation and Conciliation Service (SMCS). The parties shall select by alternate striking of names until one name remains. The party who strikes the first name from the panel shall be determined by lot.
 - b. Either GCTD or SEIU may call any employee as a witness, and GCTD agrees to release said witness from work if he/she is on duty. If an employee is called by GCTD, GCTD will reimburse him for lost time.
 - c. The arbitrator shall have no power to alter, amend, change, add to, or subtract from any of the terms of the Memorandum or GCTD Resolutions or Rules. The decision of the arbitrator shall be based solely upon the evidence and arguments presented to him by the respective parties in the presence of each other.
 - d. The decision of the arbitrator within the limits herein prescribed shall be final and binding upon the parties to the dispute.
 - e. The mutual decision of the parties and/or arbitrator in any dispute shall be the final and binding decision on all parties and there shall not be any appeal to another authority, board, commission and/or agency.
 - f. The arbitrator may hear and determine only one grievance at a time without the express agreement of GCTD and SEIU, unless two or more grievances raise the same issues and it is agreed upon by both GCTD and SEIU to join the grievances.
 - g. The parties shall share equally the expense of the cost, if any, of arbitration with the exception of attorney's fees or court reporters, without approval of the parties.

Article 7.05 SKELLY PROCEDURE (*Common Article*)

- A. **Notice of Intent:** Any regular employee against whom an adverse action is initiated by GCTD, for suspension without pay exceeding two (2) days, demotions, and dismissals will be: (1) notified of the intended action, (2) the cause or causes thereof, the employee's acts or omissions that form the basis for the cause(s), (3) any documents or materials giving rise to the action will be made available for the employee's inspection and copies thereof will be attached to the notice of intended action, (4) The

employee will have the right to respond to the allegations set forth in the notice of intent, either in writing or at a pre-disciplinary conference.

1. If the employee chooses to respond in writing to the notice of intent, the written response must be submitted within seven (7) working days of receipt of the notice.
 2. If the employee chooses to appear at the pre-disciplinary conference, the employee will have the right to representation. Even if the employee has representation, the employee must personally appear at the meeting. The employee must notify GCTD management that he will appear for the meeting.
- B. Skelly Meeting: The *Skelly* meeting will be conducted by the general manager, or designee. This is not an adversarial proceeding, therefore the employee will not have the opportunity to cross-examine GCTD representatives. The appealing employee, his/her steward and/or Union Representative will present the case to the Skelly hearing officer in the employee's defense.
- C. Notice of Action: After reviewing the information presented by the employee and all other documentation, the general manager, or designee, will issue the notice of action. The employee must be provided at least five (5) days notice before the effective date of the action. The employee may appeal the proposed disciplinary action within five (5) working days after receipt of the notice of action. Such an appeal shall be in accordance with Section 7.05 (D).
- D. Labor/Management Committee: A Labor/Management Committee will be formed by one member from management, who is appointed by the general manager, and one member from the union, who is appointed by the union. The committee will meet within five (5) working days after receipt of an appeal of a proposed disciplinary action, or as soon as agreed to by mutual consent. The committee may invite the appealing employee and/or his/her steward and union representative by mutual consent to attend the meeting. The committee will review the proposed action and supporting documentation. The committee will make every effort to agree upon the appropriate action for the employee. If an agreement is reached on the appropriate action, notice will be provided to the employee within ten (10) working days.
- E. Final Appeal: If the Labor/Management Committee cannot reach an agreement to resolve the matter, the represented employee may appeal the proposed disciplinary action to an Appeal Review Board or to an Arbitrator selected from a State Mediation and Conciliation Service (SMCS) list. The final appeal must be made to the general manager within five (5) working days after the decision has been issued from the committee. The decision reached in this step shall be final and binding on all parties.
1. Appeal Review Board: A three-member board of review is formed by the general manager appointing two members from among public agency officials whose responsibilities encompass personnel matters and SEIU appointing a member representative. The board of review shall determine from among the members its own chairperson, who has authority to conduct the hearing. The general manager, or designee, and the employee may be represented, may themselves testify, call witnesses and submit other relevant evidence. The board of review shall, by a majority of its members, make written findings and a decision affirming, revising or modifying the adverse action based on applicable law, GCTD policies, procedures and rules, and the evidence and arguments presented by the parties.
 2. Arbitration: As soon as possible, and in any event not later than fifteen (15) calendar days after either party receives written notice from the other of the desire to arbitrate, the parties shall agree upon an arbitrator. The State Mediation and Conciliation Service (SMCS) shall provide a list of qualified arbitrators and SEIU and GCTD will select the arbitrator by alternating the striking of submitted names until one arbitrator remains. Either GCTD or SEIU may call any employee as a witness and GCTD agrees to provide leave for said witness from work if he/she is on duty. The decision of the arbitrator shall be based solely upon the evidence and arguments presented to him by the respective parties in the presence of each other. The losing party in the arbitration shall be responsible for the cost of

arbitration and court reporters, with the exception that each party shall be responsible for its own counsel's fees.

Article 7.06 BULLETIN BOARD *(Common Article)*

One bulletin board will be provided in the bus operators, maintenance and service worker break rooms upon which SEIU may only post notices of community involvement; recreational and social affairs; voter registration information; union member benefits; newsletters; union rights notices; and letters from the union to the membership. Also, notices of meetings or elections and appointments and results of elections. The posting of any other classes of notices or the distribution of any written or printed notices, cards, pamphlets or literature of any kind at GCTD work stations or premises is prohibited without prior permission of GCTD's General Manager or designee.

Article 7.07 ARTICLE NUMBER NOT USED

Article 7.08 LAYOFFS *(Common Article)*

It is agreed that during the term of this agreement if layoffs occur SEIU and GCTD will meet and discuss the impacts of the actions. Seniority, as defined in Article 6.01, will govern the order of layoffs within any position. Any employee scheduled for layoff in the employee's current position that has held another position in any GCTD Unit within the past two years may bump back into their most recently held position and reacquire seniority in that position based on their hire date into that position.

Employees in this unit experiencing a layoff will be entitled to a continuation of health benefits beyond the normal cancellation of benefits by signing up for COBRA. For employees who choose to sign up for COBRA, GCTD agrees to pay, for the first month only, the difference between the employee's previous health care contribution and the cost of COBRA. (Example: If employee's monthly contribution to health benefits at time of layoff is \$200 and employee's first month COBRA benefit cost is \$800, GCTD will pay the difference of \$600)

Article 7.09 MONTHLY LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETINGS *(Common Article)*

GCTD and SEIU agree to schedule and hold as practical a regular monthly labor-management meeting at a time and day mutually agreeable to both parties, to discuss current labor management issues. Both GCTD and SEIU agree to make a best effort to schedule and attend this meeting, but acknowledge that this may not always be possible.

The monthly labor-management meeting shall be comprised of no more than three (3) SEIU stewards / members and three (3) management representatives; additional participants may attend by mutual agreement. When a specific agenda item pertains to a specific unit or to all units, a member from each affected unit may attend. Up to three (3) SEIU stewards / members shall be granted paid release time if the meeting conflicts with their regularly scheduled shift, to a maximum of two (2) hours of paid release time per person per meeting. When all three bargaining units must be represented, a fourth SEIU member may be granted paid release time if the meeting conflicts with the member's regularly scheduled shift, to a maximum of two (2) hours of paid release time per meeting.

Article 7.10 COMPLAINT FORM *(Common Article)*

It is agreed that a complaint form will be available to employees in this unit to address employee complaints. In the absence of such a complaint form, SEIU or an employee can submit their own written complaint. Complaints will be investigated by Human Resources in a timely manner, depending upon the circumstances of the matters being investigated. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the District will provide a response within 30 days. If additional time is necessary before the response can be provided, Human Resources will notify affected parties of the need for additional time and the reason.

SECTION 8 CLOSING

Article 8.01 TERM OF MEMORANDUM *(Common Article)*

The term of this Memorandum is July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. Either party may serve the other, in writing, at any point after February 28, 2027, with a request to open negotiations for a successor agreement.

Article 8.02 PEACEFUL PERFORMANCE *(Common Article)*

During the term of this MOU, SEIU agrees that neither SEIU, its officers or agent, nor any of the employees covered by this MOU will cause, engage in, sanction, or support any strikes, work slow-downs, the stoppage of work, or the abstinence in whole or in part of the full, faithful and proper performance of the duties of employment, nor shall SEIU or any employee covered by this MOU honor any similar job action of any other employee or group of employees of GCTD or any union or association by withholding or refusing to perform services for GCTD. In the event an employee violates this provision, SEIU shall immediately notify any such employee in writing to cease and desist from any such action and shall instruct them to return to their duties. SEIU agrees that any or all employees who violate any of this provision may be disciplined up to and including discharge. During the term of this MOU, GCTD agrees there shall be no lockouts made by GCTD.

Article 8.03 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNEES *(Common Article)*

This Agreement shall be binding upon the successors and assignees of the parties hereto, and no provisions contained in this Agreement shall be modified in any respect by either party.

Article 8.04 FULL UNDERSTANDING MODIFICATION AND WAIVER *(Common Article)*

The provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, together with those wages, hours and working conditions within the scope of bargaining in existence prior to this MOU, which are not changed by this Memorandum, shall constitute the wages, hours and working conditions for the employees during the term of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Except as specifically provided herein, it is agreed and understood that each party voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives its rights, and agrees that the other shall not be required, to negotiate with respect to any subject or matter covered herein or with respect to any other matters within the scope of negotiations, during the term of the Memorandum of Understanding.

The parties hereto have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this MOU. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this MOU shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this MOU.

Any agreement, alteration, understanding, variation, waiver or modification of any of the terms or provisions contained herein shall not be binding upon the parties hereto unless made and executed in writing by all parties hereto, and if required, approved and implemented by the Board of Directors.

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

ON BEHALF OF SEIU



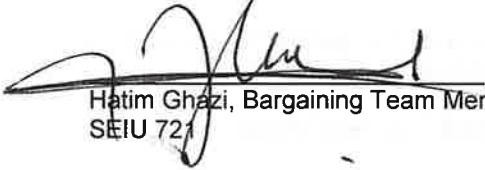
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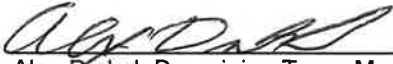
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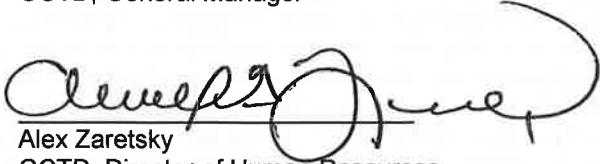
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