

August 21, 2019

To: Mayor Ted Wheeler Commissioner Nick Fish Commissioner Amanda Fritz Commissioner Chloe Eudaly Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

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cc: Tom Rinehart, CAO

Esteemed colleagues,

You may not recognize my name, but you all know me. I am the main Facilities Maintenance Technician (FMT) assigned to City Hall and I am writing you today to ask for your support on an upcoming matter before Council.

A new job classification is being requested by OMF Division of Asset Management called Facilities Worker. We haven't bargained the wage scale yet, but it is expected to be a mostly revenue neutral proposal that works to fix a hiring error that occurred nearly two years ago.

Based simply on the title of the job posting at the time, the new hires were placed in to the wrong Union. The intent of hiring these Utility Workers was to help the FMTs by completing some of our less technical work and helping us with larger projects. I represent the Facilities members of Operating Engineers Local 701 and having members of our crew in a different Union has put extreme limitations on their ability to help us with our work.

This new job classification fixes that. This will be a Local 701 represented position which makes the incumbents much more valuable to the team and the City. I am happy to answer any clarifying questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration. Respectfully,

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