

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-208

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

April 1, 2008

BLUE DIAMOND/CITY CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

BACKGROUND

- A The City values its historic relationship with Blue Diamond Growers, which has been headquartered in Sacramento since its founding in 1910, and is the largest almond processing facility in the world, exporting 70% of its almonds to world markets and relying heavily on its positive brand name identification.
- B The City entered into a set of agreements in 1995 with Blue Diamond to provide significant economic and operational benefits to Blue Diamond, in exchange for their commitment to retain and expand its Sacramento plant, and continue to employ at least 700 full-time equivalent employees in Sacramento.
- C The City Council is concerned about the continuing conflict between Blue Diamond and its workers, who have been organizing to seek union recognition with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU).
- D The City Council wishes to use its good offices, to facilitate a fair and early resolution of the issue of union representation.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1 The designate an ad hoc committee composed of no more than four Council Members to be appointed by the Mayor.
- Section 2 The designated ad hoc committee will offer to meet informally with representatives of Blue Diamond management, representatives of Blue Diamond workers and ILWU, and community members to encourage an early resolution of outstanding issues.

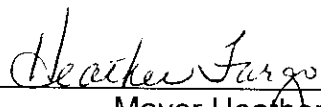
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on April 10, 2008 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: Councilmember Waters.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember Tretheway.



Mayor Heather Fargo

Attest:



Shirley Concolino, City Clerk