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Gail Werner Robertson, Chair
Roger Dixon, Executive Director
Metropolitan Entertainment and Convention Authority
Qwest Center Omaha
455 N. 10th Street
Omaha, NE 68102

Dear Gail and Roger:

As Mayor of this City, I want to have a strong working relationship with MECA. The City of Omaha is the owner of the Qwest Center and the soon-to-be-completed TD Ameritrade Baseball Stadium. MECA is the manager/operator under contract to the City. You serve "the people" through the people's government – the City of Omaha.

Because of certain events that have occurred in the past week, I am concerned that the MECA Board is not following the Nebraska Open Meetings Law. Telephone canvassing of your Board membership may be acceptable for conversation, but it is not a substitute for making formal decisions and offers, particularly as they relate to financial matters.

I am requesting that when it comes to financial matters that you schedule such items for your Board meeting so that all members can participate in the open discussion and subsequent vote. This will keep MECA in compliance with our agreements and appropriate State law.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Suttle
Mayor
City of Omaha

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