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Clayton Henry, Commissioner
City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs
1925 Elm Street, Suite 500
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Dear Commissioner Henry,

This letter is in response to your post which appeared today online on a Dallas Observer blog page, http://blogs.dallasobserver.com/unfairpark/2009/12/texas_ballet_theaters_managing.php, which concerns the current dispute between the Texas Ballet Theater and the AT&T Performing Arts Center and which states in relevant part:

"I will always come down on the side of having parties sit down and try and work out their differences. Even during major labor disputes, resolution did not occur until the parties sat down together. Perhaps a community leader not associated with either side could help get constructive dialogue started?"

I have spoken with Commissioner Dave Renfro of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service who has kindly proposed to chair a meeting between our organization and representatives of Texas Ballet Theater and the AT&T Performing Arts Center at the FMCS offices in Irving, Texas on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. Please advise me immediately whether this proposed meeting could be arranged. We would welcome an opportunity to meet with the responsible parties to explore a solution to the problems which now exist and which threaten both the artistic integrity of the Dallas Arts District and the economic interests of our talented professional musicians.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,


Raymond M. Hair, Jr.
President, AFM Local 72-147

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