

An Open Letter to the Citizens of Las Vegas From the Culinary Union Local 226

Culinary Union Accepts Governor Bob Miller's Offer To End The Frontier Strike

We take full responsibility for the actions of our picketers at the Frontier Hotel. We are sorry for any acts of violence by either side. No matter what words are exchanged, there is no justification for violence.

We welcome the opportunity offered by Governor Bob Miller for binding arbitration and to meet with a fact finder to settle the strike at the Frontier Hotel. We believe—as we feel a vast majority of Nevadans do—that this strike should be settled immediately. The strike has gone on too long. It is currently the longest ongoing strike in the nation.

We don't want to be out on the picket line. Our members want to work. They are trained, hard-working, service-oriented people. But the leadership of this union and our members feel so strongly about their rights on the job, and decent wages and benefits, that they'll continue the strike until there is a fair settlement.

We are available at anytime to meet with an arbitrator and an independent fact finder. We reiterate our offer to pay for half the cost of the fact finder and urge the owners of the Frontier Hotel, the Elardi family, to pay for the other half.

Despite our best efforts over the past 20 months of the strike, the Elardis have refused to bargain in good faith or agree with any offer of binding arbitration.

Recently, we have accepted offers of binding arbitration from the Clark County Commission and Nevada's Congressional delegation. That is why we are turning to the Governor of the State of Nevada and his offer of binding arbitration and a fact finder to settle this dispute.

Now it is time for the Elardi family to do the same and come to the table so that the strike—and all of the tension it is causing—can come to an end. Las Vegas deserves better.

Sincerely,

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