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November 18, 2008

Mr. Christopher Ware
Franchise Officer
City of Las Vegas
City Attorney's Office
9th Floor, City Hall
400 E. Stewart Avenue
Las Vegas, NV 89101-2986

Dear Chris,

I am writing to you regarding the business dispute Republic Services has had with the City of Las Vegas regarding the payment of franchise fees on non-rate regulated solid wastes. As you know we did not pay franchise fees on wastes that were non-rate regulated from January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008. It was and still is our opinion that if a solid waste is not rate regulated under the terms of the franchise agreement or the City's municipal code we should not have to pay franchise fees on the collection and disposal of that solid waste.

After months of disputing the City's position that we were required to pay these franchise fees we reviewed the issue and in the spirit of partnership that we want to have with the City of Las Vegas as one of our most important customers we decided to pay the back franchise fees and continue to pay the franchise fees in the future. On October 22 Republic delivered a check to the City in the amount of \$311,752.53 in payment of the franchise fees for the period of January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008 and we paid the current period of July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 with our regular franchise fee payment on October 31, 2008.

Due to the fact that there was a legitimate dispute regarding the language in the new ordinance and that we have paid the franchise fees in full, I am requesting that a full waiver of the late fees be granted.

Sincerely,

Bob Coyle
Area President