

Riverside County Bargaining Update (August 31, 2016)

After a good faith effort to negotiate a multi-year successor agreement with the County's chief negotiator, I've concluded that it is extremely unlikely that we will succeed in reaching a deal that I would bring to you for consideration. Accordingly, I have notified the County that I wish to convene our bargaining teams and go through the formal process. The Board of Supervisors do not meet again until the 13th of September, so I don't know whether the County will have their team in place before then.

Obviously this is disappointing news, though not hopeless. There is still a process to be worked through, the outcome of which is impossible to predict.

I will post again as soon as we have scheduled formal meetings between the two bargaining teams.

In Solidarity,
Stephen Switzer, Business Manager