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May 3, 1976

Mayor George Moscone
City Hall
San Francisco, CA

Dear Mayor:

Pursuant to our enjoyable and most productive conversation yesterday, I am presenting the names of three persons for the permanent positions we discussed at the $10,000 salary level:

1. Ms. Vera Young
2. Ms. Frances Johnson
3. Ms. Sandra Cobb

You already have the names of three other individuals who were offered positions (permanent) at $15,000 (2) and $18,500 (1) salary levels. We are certain that these young women, above-named, will do an outstanding job, and be a credit to your administration. Their resumes are available, on request.

I am currently considering your offer of a position with the Housing Authority, or Redevelopment; I tend toward the Housing Authority post, but I would like to be filled in more completely on the scope of my responsibilities (someone from your office can write me) so that I can make the most informed decision possible, based upon a fairly complete understanding of what is involved. I am also wondering whether there is any residency requirement involved (recall that I have not yet officially resided in San Francisco for a year), or if there are other critical factors that might have a bearing on the situation.

Matthew 25: 35-40

Jim Jones
Pastor
To: Mayor Moscone
From: Rev. Jim Jones

Some of our members and friends thought I might better serve on the Redevelopment Commission, and I wanted to know if you foresee any problem in passing the Board of Supervisors. Could there be some difficulty, considering that I have refused one commission, then accepted another? If you can see any barrier to my appointment at this time, perhaps it would be better to have one of my very highly qualified members take the post; he would certainly have the benefit of my closest counsel in his work; the community of thousands which I represent and the many who look to us outside our church membership for representation and leadership would still see my total support and solidarity with your very fine administration.

Incidentally, I am wondering if you have any insights as to how some of our members could get employment in the maintenance area (with the advantage of civil service protection) at a later date. We have many fine, highly trained, very hard-working members in our large congregations who, if they could receive employment here in the city, commensurate with their skills and talents, would be able to move here and be that many more supporters for the things we both represent. If at anytime jobs come up in any field, we would appreciate being notified; we are in a position, if employment were available, to bring a couple of thousand people into the community from other (outlying) churches.

We have (as I may have told you) only a 1.8% unemployment rate in all our congregations. Again, our people are extremely hard-working, and would acquit themselves superbly on the job.

I enjoyed our conversation, and appreciate your empathy, and your open-minded, constructive approach. I sincerely hope that Peoples Temple will be able to play a significant role in helping you to achieve the vital aims of your administration.

Very sincerely yours,

Jim Jones
To: Mayor Moscone
From: Rev. Jim Jones

P. S. In making written communication with me, it would be best to address letters to Peoples Temple, P. O. Box 15023, and mark the letter "Very Personal."

JJ/rdt