

Request to Speak to a Committee of Council

If your request is for a specific committee meeting, this form must be received by NOON the day before the scheduled committee meeting. Requests for Monday meetings must be received by NOON the Friday before the meeting. Requests for meetings scheduled for the day after a statutory holiday must be received by NOON the last business day before the meeting. For summer meeting requests (July/August), please contact the City Clerk's Office at (905) 546-4408 for further information.

Committee Requested

Kindly indicate which Committee: *

Audit, Finance & Administration

If you selected Advisory/Sub-Committee from the above list, please indicate name of Committee:

Requestor Information

Name of Individual: * Manny Bastos
 Name of Organization: LIUNA Local 837
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 Reason(s) for delegation request: * aspeaking to the Committee about the Fair Wage Policy.
 Will you be submitting a formal presentation?* Yes No
 Are you a lobbyist ? Yes No

(The information collected for the Lobbyist registry system was implemented by City Council in 2004 and the information provided is on a voluntary basis.)

If your answer is Yes to the lobbyist question, who are you representing? :

Requests to speak to Council are forwarded to the Committee for consideration. Once considered by Committee, and approved, you will be notified of the date for your presentation.

This form is not for the purpose of presenting unsolicited proposals by Vendors to Committee. Such proposals are subject to a competitive process as required by the City's Purchasing Policy.

The City makes a video record of Committee and Council meetings. If you make a presentation to a Committee, the City will be video recording you and will make the recording public by publishing the recording on the City's website.

The City collects personal information as authorized under Section 5.11 of the City's Procedural By-law No. 10-053 for the purpose of entertaining individuals requesting an opportunity to appear as a delegation before Committee. The Procedural By-law is a requirement of Section 238(2) of the Municipal Act. Questions about the collection of personal information can be directed to the Manager, Legislative Services / Deputy Clerk, City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5 (905 546-2424 ext. 4304).

The Voluntary Lobbyist Registry is a public document and will be available for viewing in the City Clerk's office.

Dear committee members

My name is Manny Bastos, I am with LIUNA Local 837, as the Business Manager.

We are proud of being LIUNA, our membership, our skills and our community involvement.

LIUNA operates two banquet facilities (LIUNA Gardens and LIUNA Station) in Hamilton, 256 nursing home beds, non-profit rental units, redeveloped the Lister Block, sizable real estate portfolio and a training centre that is second to none. The 7 Local 837 officers are very involved in their respective communities. All of this adds to the quality of life to the city of Hamilton and its residents.

Our 4,000 members represent some 10 to 12,000 families in the Hamilton/Niagara area. All tax paying community minded citizens.

Our members are highly skilled and produce value for their work. They are trained at our training centre and are the envy of the surrounding locals. They produce a product at a fair cost. Are not afraid of competition

LIUNA has a problem with the proposed policy. We do not have a problem with a policy, but in having a policy that does not identify the potential Union competition, their origin or their intent.

Identify all of the Unions.

Is it LIUNA, CLAC or some other Union—say so. Are they Hamilton based (Local)?

Or is it some competitive Union that has never done any of this work?

We understand that Hamilton wants to do its work at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayers. That is good and responsible government, a vision shared by all. However, is the City of Hamilton ready to invite anyone from anywhere to come in and perform sub standard work and hire people from anywhere (other than Hamilton) and leave the citizens of this city unemployed?

That would be irresponsible government. The Hamilton citizens pay their fair share and they deserve to reap the benefits of their taxes.

The present contractors that perform the work within the city of Hamilton employ workers that pay the taxes to this city. Therefore, this is the optimum situation-win win by all.

What is the solution?

-leave the policy that way that it is. Do not add, delete or change any of the contents except raising the ceiling to \$300,000 and the cost of the audit to \$5,000. Delete any reference to other collective agreements.

In this, the city gets value for its product, its citizens reap the reward of the taxes that they pay, work remains Local and everyone is happy.