

Statement by Mayor Richard Riordan

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I'm frustrated. I'm frustrated with the UTU leaders' disregard for their members and the Los Angeles public.

The Governor brought in mediators; the Speaker of the Assembly sent a representative; the Governor signed SB-1101; two of the unions have already agreed to go back to work while we negotiate new agreements.

Now, after 5 months, less than an hour ago, we finally received a written proposal. Then, what happened? The union leaders left the hotel and told us they couldn't meet with us until tomorrow night at 6 o'clock.

That's another night and day wasted. Another day of hardship for hundreds of thousands of Los Angeles bus riders.

For the sake of bus riders...for the sake of the people of Los Angeles...for the sake of the businesses of Los Angeles...I say to the union: Get back to the table. And let's get the buses back on the road.

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