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**CITY OF VALLEJO BEGINS PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING NEW CONTRACT WITH
IBEW**

Yesterday, representatives from the City of Vallejo and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) met to begin negotiating a new contract. The previous contract with IBEW was recently rejected in federal bankruptcy court after being found burdensome to the City of Vallejo as part of the chapter 9 bankruptcy proceedings. Past attempts to negotiate modifications to the prior collective bargaining agreement with IBEW have been unsuccessful. The City will now be able to negotiate a new contract that will be a part of the plan for the City to exit bankruptcy.

The City of Vallejo is scheduled to submit a proposal to IBEW by October 9, 2009. IBEW has agreed to respond to that proposal and offer a counter proposal by October 22, 2009 if IBEW finds the City's proposal unacceptable. The next negotiation meeting between the parties is scheduled for November 4, 2009.

More information regarding the City of Vallejo bankruptcy can be found on the city website at www.ci.vallejo.ca.us