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San Jose, CA—John Courtney, President of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 265 (San Jose/Santa Clara, today responded to several misleading statements concerning his union and the tragic, horrific events that took place at the Guadalupe Yard on Wednesday, May 26.

"I wish to make it crystal clear that the ATU Local 265 officials who were at the site of this unfathomable tragedy were not—repeat *not*—there to attend any disciplinary or Skelly-Rights hearings or to respond to any jobsite or racial-oriented complaints," President Courtney said. "I was at the yard simply to check on working conditions and the continual safety of the dedicated men and women who work there."

"ATU Local 265 is very proud of our close contacts and relationships with our members at Guadalupe and, in fact, all of the properties we represent," President Courtney said. "This is the essence of the work we do, seeing to the needs of our members and ensuring their safety and well-being."

Local 265 represents 1500 mass-transit professionals, in many classifications, in San Jose and the Santa Clara Valley.

John Courtney

President and Business Agent