



STATEMENT

SUBJECT: AS 19-1014

According to AS 19-1014, a mayor of cities of the First Class in ARKANSAS, has the privilege of vetoing acts passed by the City Council, which he may think contrary to the public interest.

Basically, I feel that the unionization of government employees is contrary to the public interest. The City Council has also expressed this view in their vote to refuse recognition of the Fire and the Police unions.

The vote Monday, July 19, 1982, to "withhold" union dues violates the intent of non-recognition. Simply stated, how can you say on one hand that you do not recognize an organization and then act as their collection agent?

Therefore, as Mayor of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas I hereby veto the Resolution of Council to withhold union dues.