

# **Tell Sacramento Regional Transit: Drop G4S Now!**

Despite having heard from hundreds of individuals and over five dozen organizations, several of which [sent their own letters](#), Sac RT continues to drag its feet on making the announcement that it will not extend its contract with the multinational G4S corporation that will expire on June 30, 2016 unless the RT Board extends it.

Once again, on March 14, 2016, many supporters of dropping G4S went to the RT Board meeting. Although agenda item 10 erroneously listed G4S as the private security contractor for fiscal year 2017, the Board Chair refused to let members of the public speak to this issue.

RT Chief Counsel did give an update on RT's contractor screening for human rights. He noted that staff has been looking at this issue and will continue to do so and was not yet ready to make a recommendation. No date for a future report was given.

The Board did approve the creation of 30 new fare checker positions funded from \$1.2 million of the \$4.1 million set aside annually for private security. This is a welcome conversion of low paid unionized private security jobs to RT unionize jobs with better pay and benefits.

This action also reduces the number of private security guards by at least a third. G4S issues aside, such a significant change warrants rebidding the contract in order to allow other companies the opportunity to get RT's business.

## **Please contact the RT board and tell them:**

- 1) They should respond to the legitimate and significant community concerns about G4S by announcing they will NOT extend the contract. They should also support local business by allowing them to bid on the significantly changed contract for private security.
- 2) You expect RT to start screening all of its contractors for ethics and social responsibility including respect for human rights. The Board and RT staff have been given [screening criteria](#) and [legal analysis](#) showing that they have the ability and obligation to screen RT contractors for social responsibility, including respecting human rights.

Here are the emails of the RT Board members that you can copy and paste into your message: [jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:jschenirer@cityofsacramento.org); [amorin@folsom.ca.us](mailto:amorin@folsom.ca.us); [lbudge@cityofranchocordova.org](mailto:lbudge@cityofranchocordova.org); [shansen@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:shansen@cityofsacramento.org); [isharris@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:isharris@cityofsacramento.org); [phume@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:phume@elkgrovecity.org); [rjennings@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:rjennings@cityofsacramento.org); [macglashanr@saccounty.net](mailto:macglashanr@saccounty.net); [smiller@citrusheights.net](mailto:smiller@citrusheights.net); [nottolid@saccounty.net](mailto:nottolid@saccounty.net); [SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net](mailto:SupervisorSerna@saccounty.net)

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Plan to attend the March 28, 2016 meeting, 6pm at 1400 29<sup>th</sup> St. between N and O, Sacramento.