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Mrs Hubbard
in regard to
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Offices

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Seattle May 15th

To the Honorable City Council

I see that you have passed an ordinance, that all intelligence offices shall pay a licence of $100, and give bonds to the amount of $2000, Will you allow me to call your attention to the fact that there are offices in the city that only find employment for women, and do not do one half the business, that those offices do that find employment for men, and women. Where only women, are employed, or, employment is found for them hardly any thing is made, on account of the scarcity of help. I wonder that such a very small business should have to pay a licence and if so, such a very high one. Will you have the kindness to look into the matter? Looking and hoping for justice I remain

Respectfully Yours

Mrs Hubbard

WESTERN CENTRAL LABOR UNION NO 1.

OFFICES CORNER MADISON AND FRONT STS.

UP STAIRS.

D. O'Brien SECRETARY.

Seattle, Wash., May 23rd 1890

To the Honorable Mayor & City Council of Seattle

Gentlemen

We wish to open a Free Employment Office. and ask You Endorsement of the same. There will be no compensation asked of any one. for finding a position Either Employer or Employes.. The undersigned. being made a permant Secty with an office fitted Reps. could easely assist Employers in getting competent men, and be of great advantage in filling. mecanics & laboring men, where they could get work.

Wishing You Approval of the same. I am

Respectfully
Yours
D. O'Brien Secty
W. C. L. U.

R H Moss
Et al.

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Clerk.
By,

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Seattle May 19th 1890

To the Honorable the Mayor and Council of the City of Seattle.

Your petitioners the undersigned respectfully represent to your honorable body, that, in the passage of Ordinance No 1356 relating to the keeping of intelligence offices, what they believe to be a grave injustice has been done to the ladies who have but recently engaged in that calling. It is a well known fact that employers and employees among the ladies do not equal one tenth of those among men. To place the licenses fees at the same figures for both classes of agencies is practically to drive the ladies from the business, and place it entirely in the hand of men against whom only have complaints of unfair dealing been made, and who are the only class that need or call for the regula

ting hand and power of the city authorities
Wherefore your petitioners respectfully pray that the ordinance may be so amended as to place the license fee for ladies withing the reach of their ability to pay and in proper proportion to the possibilities of the business
For this your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Names	Names.
R. H. Moss.	
Geo F Ward	
J. J. Moss	
F. W. Loy	
A. L. Koenecke	
W. E. Dawson.	
H. H. Dearborn	
John P. Gale.	
G. F. Dearborn	

(Signed) Mrs. M. J. Peck
for University & Lord.

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Mrs H S Parkhurst
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for permission to
run intelligence
office without
license

L & R

Seattle, May 15th, 1890.

To the Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council
of the City of Seattle

Gentlemen.

We, the undersigned Officers and Trustees of the "Day Nursery" of the City of Seattle respectfully represent to your Honorable Body; that the "Day Nursery" is a charitable institution established and conducted for the purpose of caring for the children of poor women who are obliged to go out to labor for their support, and for boarding and caring for babies so young that they are not admitted to the Orphans Home. We have in connection with said Day Nursery a womans Intelligence and employment office, the entire profits of which are devoted to the support of said Day Nursery, and said profits constitute the greater part of the support of the same. No part of said profits are or ever will be the property of any individual or corporation, but are used

exclusively for the support of said charity. Should we be compelled to pay a license fee for conducting the same it would cripple us badly in our said work, if not compel us to close said Day Nursery; we would therefore respectfully petition your Honorable Body to remit all license fee so far as said Intelligence and employment office is concerned, and that said business be permitted to continue without the payment of any licenses, tax, or fee, and we will ever pray, &c.

Mrs H. S. Parkhurst Pres.
Mrs. I. L. Roberts Sec.
Mrs Wm Butler Pres of Board
Mrs. J. B. Simison Secy of Board
Hester J. Griffith
Mrs J. L. Fry

5/22-90

Report of
Com. on License & Rev.
on petitions

"Day Nursery"
Mrs Hubbard
R H Moss
Western Central Labor Union.

Office of the Mayor,
City of Seattle, Wash.

To the Hon. Mayor & Common Council
of the City of Seattle

Gentlemen

Your Committee on License & Revenue to whom was referred petitions from the Officers and Trustees of the "Day Nursery" ~~Woman's Christian Temperance Union~~, from R. H. Moss & others, from Mrs Hubbard, and from the Western Central Labor Union asking for amendment of Ord. No 1356, being the Ordinance recently passed by the Common Council, providing for the regulation of intelligence offices in this City, beg to report as follows:

The petitions of R. H. Moss and of Mrs Hubbard ask in substance that the Ordinance be amended so as to discriminate in favor of women who follow the business of employment agents, by removing the license from such or by reducing the fee to a much smaller sum

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than $100. a year, and the petitioners further seem to be willing for the City to exact the sum of $100. a year from all male employment Agents.

Your Committee think, that in view of the fact, that female employment agents as a rule furnish employment to women only, and that thus, in the nature of things they are restricted to a limited business, it would be best to amend the ordinance so as to provide that women who keep employment agencies and furnish employment exclusively to females be required to pay a license of $20. a year or $5. a quarter and furnish bonds in the sum of $500. a year.

Your Committee, as a report on the petition of the Officers of the "Day Nursery", which asks for

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an entire remission of the license fee from the employment office which is carried on in connection with the "Day Nursery", would re-commend that the petition be rejected for these reasons: first, that as this office is carried on for gain, however laudable the use of the same may be, it would seem to be unjust by thus discriminating against all others to crowd out of business other women who might attempt to gain a livelihood in this way, and, second that should the Council adopt this report the fee ($20.) would be so reasonable as to work very little hardship on this very worthy institution.

Your Committee think that no license would be necessary to carry on an employment office where no compensation is asked

Office of the Mayor,
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for information furnished, as is proposed by the Western Central Labor Union, and your Committee think that enterprise is certainly a meritorious one on the part of the Union

Respectfully submitted

May 26th 1890 } D. E. Durie
Chairman

F. A. Twichell