



Ms. Eileen L. Kirchoff
Ambac Assurance Corporation
One State Street Plaza
New York, NY 10004
September 14, 1998

Dear Ms. Kirchoff:

Re: CONVENTION CENTER EXPANSION FINANCING AUTHORITY
(CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA)

\$205,000,000 Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 1998A (City of San Diego, California, as Lessee), dated September 1, 1998 and consisting of: \$97,925,000 in aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing on April 1 in the years 2002 through 2018, both inclusive; and \$107,075,000 in aggregate principal amount of Term Bonds maturing on April 1, 2028. The Paying Agent is BNY Western Trust Company, Los Angeles, California. (15573BE)

Fitch IBCA, Inc. has assigned a rating of 'AAA' to the above referenced Bonds. This reflects our assessment of the likelihood of repayment of principal and interest based on the bond insurance policy that Ambac Assurance Corporation (Ambac) is providing. The 'AAA' claims-paying ability rating is defined as: "The ability to pay claims is extremely strong for insurance companies with this highest rating. Foreseeable business and economic risk factors should not have any material adverse impact on an insurer's ability to pay claims on this policy. Profitability, overall balance sheet strength, capitalization, and liquidity are all at very secure levels and are unlikely to be affected by adverse underwriting, investment or cyclical events."

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Sincerely,

Becky K. Christensen
Manager / Insured Ratings