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August 22, 2008

VIA U.S. MAIL AND FAX (301) 941-1553

Hans S. Weger
Chief Financial Officer
LaSalle Hotel Properties
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**Re: LaSalle Hotel Properties
Form 10-K for Fiscal Year Ended
December 31, 2007
Filed February 21, 2008
Form 10-Q for Quarterly Period Ended
March 31, 2008
Filed April 23, 2008
Definitive Proxy Statement
Filed March 5, 2008
File No. 001-14045**

Dear Mr. Weger:

We have reviewed your response letter dated August 14, 2008 and have the following additional comment. If you disagree with our comment, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is not applicable. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comment or on any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

Proxy Statement

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Components and Criteria of Executive Compensation, page 18

1. We note your response to prior comment 6. Please describe in more detail the Compensation Committee's use of peer group comparisons. Clarify how the base salary paid to your NEOs compared to the compensation paid to executive officers at the peer group companies. Also, please disclose the Committee's conclusions with respect to how the financial and business performance of the company compare to the peer group companies, as indicated in the next-to-last paragraph on your response. To the extent these comparisons were a material component of base salary determinations, please discuss how the Committee used the comparisons as a factor in determining base salary.

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Please respond to this comment within 10 business days or tell us when you will provide us with a response. Please submit your response letter on EDGAR. You may contact Jennifer Monick, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3295, or the undersigned at (202) 551-3629 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please contact Byron Cooper, Attorney Advisor, at (202) 551-3473 or Karen Garnett, Assistant Director, at (202) 551-3785 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Woody
Branch Chief