



November 7, 2018

Olympia City Council
601 – 4th Avenue E.
Olympia WA 98501

**RE: Request for Payment of Necessary Expenses Pursuant to OMC Chapter 2.72 to
Judicially Determine the Sufficiency of Recall Charges Against Councilmember Jessica Bateman**

Dear Councilmembers:

In accordance with OMC Chapter 2.72, I have determined from the wording of the “Demand for Recall and Discharge of Jessica Bateman,” filed by Jon S. Pettit with the Thurston County Auditor on November 6, 2018, that a reasonable legal position can be established that the charges stated in the “Demand for Recall and Discharge” of Councilmember Bateman are not sufficient for purposes of RCW 4.96.041.

I therefore approve the request from Councilmember Bateman that the City of Olympia pay the necessary expenses in defending her in her official capacity as a Councilmember of the City of Olympia in a judicial proceeding convened to determine the sufficiency of the charges set forth in the Demand for Recall and Discharge, subject to approval by the Olympia City Council in an open meeting.

Sincerely,

Mark Barber
City Attorney

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cc: Steve Hall, City Manager