



November 7, 2018

Olympia City Council
601 4th Avenue East
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Councilmembers:

I hereby request, in accordance with OMC Chapter 2.72, that the City of Olympia pay the necessary expenses for defending me in my official capacity as Councilmember for the City of Olympia in a judicial proceeding convened to determine the sufficiency of recall charges brought by Jon S. Pettit.

Please be advised that I believe reasonable evidence and legal requirements exist which prove that the acts or omissions alleged by the recall petitioner did not occur as alleged in the recall charges.

Attached hereto is a copy of the "Demand for Recall and Discharge of Jessica Bateman holding the elected position of Councilmember, Position #2, in the municipality of the City of Olympia," filed with the Thurston County Auditor on November 6, 2018. I am providing a copy of this request for payment of necessary expenses to defend the recall charges to the City Attorney, who is to make an independent decision whether to approve my request, depending upon whether a reasonable legal position can be established that the charges are not sufficient for purposes of RCW 4.96.041.

Sincerely,

Jessica Bateman
Councilmember

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Attachment

cc: Mark Barber, City Attorney