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January 2, 2018

The Honorable Carol Selby
Mayor of the City of Olympia
Olympia Land Use and Environmental Committee
PO Box 1967
Olympia, Washington 98507

Dear Ms. Mayor and Members of the Committee,

The Land Use and Environmental Committee is scheduled to meet on January 18, 2018, to once again consider possible annexations and to provide direction to City staff for calendar year 2018.

This is and has been of great interest to East Olympia Fire District 6, due to the potential impact to the citizens we serve both within the Olympia urban growth boundary and in all of our fire district. East Olympia Fire District 6 appreciates the opportunity to provide input related to this process, and I would also like to offer my thanks for the positive cooperative relationship we enjoy with the City of Olympia staff and Fire Department.

With respect to annexation in the southeast area of Olympia, much of the “proposed annexation area” falls within East Olympia Fire District 6. I have expressed the opinion in previous meetings with City staff and the Land Use Committee that the optimal process for annexation in this area be an incremental approach. Conducting annexations in smaller increments allows for reasonable adjustments for all concerned. I understand that Olympia has a potential park site on the south side of Ward Lake, and would suggest that if Olympia feels that now is an appropriate time begin annexations in this area, an initial step would be the area of Ward Lake as depicted in Map 6 of the proposed areas under consideration. This area could be served by the existing Olympia Fire Station on Boulevard and would not have a major impact on East Olympia Fire District 6.

I would strongly encourage Olympia to use Yelm Highway as an existing boundary line that is easy to distinguish and focus initial annexations north of Yelm Highway. The City of Olympia Urban Growth Management Goal 2 states that logical boundaries should be used and this suggestion meets that goal using an easy to understand major traffic artery as a logical boundary.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I will be attending the January 18th meeting if you would like to ask me in person.

We look forward to a continued spirit of cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warren Peterson'.

Warren Peterson
Fire Chief

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