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VIA E-FILING ONLY

Judge Patrick M. Biron
 Goodhue County Justice Center
 454 West Sixth Street
 Red Wing, MN 55066

RE: George Hintz et al. v. City of Red Wing et al.
 Our File No. 4001(2)-0382
 Court file No. 25-CV-21-1564

Dear Judge Biron:

We represent the City of Red Wing and all named Respondents in the above-referenced case. The purpose of this correspondence is to request that if the Court is considering reversing its dismissal of this matter that Respondents have an opportunity to respond to any ex parte communications about this case before any decision is made.

Currently, we are aware that the public docket provides that this case has been dismissed without prejudice. Prior to a phone call we made to the Court this morning, August 23, Respondents were only aware of one letter sent directly to the Judge, via the Judge's personal court email address, by Kent Laugen, which was made after the dismissal. Court administration advised us this morning that individuals have made multiple ex parte communications with the Court regarding this case. We also learned that the Court may be considering the best way to proceed in light of receiving such communications.

If the Court is considering a reversal of its disposition in this case, Respondents respectfully request to have an opportunity to review all ex parte communications made with the Court and an opportunity to respond before a decision is made. We are copying

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the Petitioners' former counsel, Gregory Joseph, on this communication, as well as George Hintz, a Petitioner who appears to be the spokesperson for the Recall City Hall effort. We are assuming that the Petitioners are no longer represented given the notice of withdrawal that Mr. Joseph filed with the Court as we have not received any other notification of representation.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/ Amy E. Mace

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