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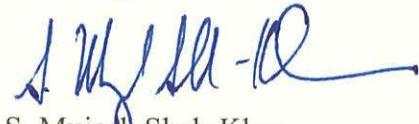
Re: City of Monroe's Note Concerning February 15, 2022 Hearing Officer Order

Dear Valecia, Fielding and Raquel:

As a follow up to the Hearing Officer's February 15, 2022 Order, I wanted to confirm that I have reached out to the Mayor and members of Council with respect to the fixed opinion issue noted in the Order. I can confirm that Mayor Holloway, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Council Member Keziah, Council Member Gordon, Council Member Kerr and Council Member Thompson do not possess fixed opinions unsusceptible to change concerning whether Ms. James should be removed from the City Council as a result of the amotion process. While the Order noted that I should advise you if the Mayor or Council possess fixed opinions not susceptible to change, I wanted to make sure for clarity's sake, that the City asked the question of the decision makers.

Otherwise, the City is happy to answer any questions you may have on this issue at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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