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Mr. Mark Swartout
Thurston County Boundary Review Board
2000 Lakeridge Drive
Olympia, Washington 98502

Dear Mr. Swartout:

Subject: Highway 101 Area Annexation -- 06-1293

Concurrent with this letter, the City of Olympia is submitting a "Notice of Intention" and "Application" to the Boundary Review Board for that area adjoining and north of Highway 101. That application includes a petition certification from the Assessor's Office for an area somewhat larger than was approved by the City Council following the public hearing. You have advised that because the City Council elected to reduce the size of the annexation from that described in the petition as certified on March 6, 2007, the City should obtain a new certificate of sufficiency.

This letter is provided to confirm that the City is seeking such certification. However, because we do not necessarily concur that a second certification of the petition is required by law, we ask that the Board commence review of the application. We expect that the requested certification will be received in a timely manner well before the end of the 45-day review period, and thus this procedure will not result in any delay of review of the annexation.

I understand that this approach is somewhat unusual. However, it does result from the elected officials being responsive to issues raised by the public at the required public hearing, and thus, I believe it is consistent with the spirit of the annexation statutes. Your continuing assistance and cooperation in this proceeding has been and is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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