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Re: Seabold Investigation

Dear Kathy:

Please consider this a response to your recent email and voicemail message regarding the Seabold investigation. You indicated a concern that the Mayor had inappropriately contacted one or more city employees who had been instructed by Seabold that either they did not have to or should not speak with the Mayor because of the ongoing investigation. We assume these to have been employees contacted by Seabold during its investigation, although Seabold has not been inclined to inform us of who they interviewed or intended to interview.

I am sure you appreciate that Mayor Gough is the mayor of Lynnwood and cannot be isolated from those over whom he has the legal responsibility to make certain they carry out the tasks for which they were hired. I do not see this responsibility diminished by the existence of an investigation into activities alleged of Mayor Gough, which to date have never been formalized into a complaint made pursuant to City-required procedures.

In fact, the Seabold investigation has been performed under "star chamber" like procedures, which now would also apparently restrict Mayor Gough's efforts to defend himself by inquiring of those in a position to know about the charges made. I think that you would have to agree that the Mayor has a fundamental right to defend himself as best he can under the circumstances presented. He has never harassed or intimidated nor threatened retaliation. To the extent someone may have been uncomfortable speaking with him, that may well be because he or she may have

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some responsibility to bear. In any case, we are not yet to the point where Seabold can prevent Mayor Gough from doing his job or defending himself.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sid", written in a cursive style.

Sidney J. Strong