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To the Hon the Mayor and Com-  
mon Council of the City of Seattle

We the undersigned citizens of  
that portion of your City known  
as "Bell Town" respectfully rep-  
resent that there was a meeting  
called at Bells hall in said  
place on Thursday evening April  
3<sup>rd</sup> 1884 for the purpose of organi-  
zing a fire company thereof  
Whereupon W. S. Lattin was duly  
elected President, L. J. Compton  
Vice President, Charles Baker  
Secretary and G. S. Manning  
Treasurer and a temporary or-  
ganization thus effected and  
a committee was appointed  
for the purpose of presenting  
by laws for a permanent  
organization of such fire com-  
pany at a meeting to be held  
at said hall on Monday  
evening April 7<sup>th</sup>

We respectfully represent  
that said portion of your  
city is in a thriving condition

That it is now being built  
up, with substantial and  
expensive houses, and is so  
settled, that a large fire com-  
pany could be formed and  
operated with advantage to the  
city and to the probable great  
saving of valuable property,  
especially in the vicinity of the  
said. Wherefore we respectfully  
pray your honorable body to  
recognize us as a fire company  
subject to the rules and reg-  
ulations of other fire compa-  
nies in your city, and that  
when said permanent organ-  
ization shall have been completed  
that we be furnished with a  
steam fire engine properly equipped  
with hose and all other needed  
appliances, and also with a suit-  
able engine house for the same  
and we will ever pray

Ours

Charles Baker

J. A. Hill

W. Wood

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of Seattle,

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Fire & Water  
to whom was referred the petition of Chas Baker and others  
to be recognized as a Fire company

beg to report that the petition be granted and said  
company be furnished with a suitable  
Engine, Hoss, Hoss Cart and necessary  
appliances Building &

Thomas Blaney  
F. W. Westhoff Chairman.

Dated April 11<sup>th</sup> 1884

**Transcription:**

*First document:*

To the Hon. the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Seattle

We, the undersigned citizens of that portion of your city known as "Bell Town" respectfully represent that there was a meeting called at Bell's hall in said place on Thursday evening April 13, 1884 for the purpose of organizing a fire company thereat. Whereupon W. G. Latimer was duly elected President, L. F. Compton Vice President, Charles Baker Secretary and G. S. Manning Treasurer and a temporary organization thus effected. And a committee was appointed for the purpose of presenting by law for a permanent organization of such fire company at a meeting to be held at said hall on Monday evening April 7th.

We respectfully represent that said portion of your city is in a thriving condition That it is now very built up, with substantial and expensive houses and is so settled that a large fire company could be formed and operated with advantage to the city and to the probable great cause of saving of valuable property, especially in the vicinity[sic] aforesaid. Wherefore we respectfully pray your honorable body to recognize us as a fire company subject to the rules and regulations of other fire companies in your city, and that when said permanent organization shall have been completed that we be furnished with a steam fire engine properly equipped with hose and all other needed appliances, and also with a suitable engine house for the same and we will ever pray

Names - 61 signatures

*Second document:*

Your Committee on Fire and Water to whom was referred the petition of Charles Baker and others to be recognized as a Fire company beg to report that the petition be granted and said company be furnished with a suitable Engine, Hose, Hose Cart and necessary appliances building.

Signed, Thomas Clancy, F. W. Westhoff, April 11, 1884.