City of Seattle

Ethics and Elections Commission

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VIA EMAIL

Re: *In the Matter of Councilmember Kshama Sawant* **(Case No. 20-0116-1)**

Dear Ms. Chen and Mr. Iglitzin:

I write to invite the parties to provide a status update in the above referenced matter to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission ("the Commission") at its next regularly scheduled meeting on March 3, 2021.

Pursuant to the Stipulated Motion for Postponement of Hearing Date of March 27, 2020, the parties agreed to postpone the hearing date for this matter from April 1, 2020 "to a specific date and time to be determined by the Commission within ten (10) business days of the governor rescinding the restrictions on public gatherings." At the time, the parties agreed that a hearing date within forty-five (45) days of the resumption of public gatherings would be reasonable.

In light of the time elapsed since this matter was postponed, and considering that the Commission has continued meeting through videoconferencing, the Commission requests that the parties confer and be prepared to address the possibility of proceeding with the hearing via video conference.

The Commission also requests the parties submit a proposed briefing schedule to the Commission by February 26, 2021 that accommodates any potential dispositive motions, identifies key dates, deadlines, and any other critical matters requiring resolution to ensure an efficient and orderly hearing on this matter (e.g. other evidentiary motions, special or unique procedures for holding this hearing).

Finally, the Commission requests that counsel for both parties appear and be prepared to address these issues at the March 3 meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact Gary Smith, Assistant City Attorney and counsel for the Commission, with any additional questions.

Very truly yours,

Richard F. Shordt
Commission Chair, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission

Cc: Wayne Barnett, Executive Director, Ethics and Elections Commission