



# Statement of Justification

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## Public Officer

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<input type="checkbox"/> State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County for both county and district offices	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City

<b>Public Officer Information</b>	
<b>Name</b> Mayor Diane Pohl	<b>Contact Phone</b> 503-728-3258
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**Statement** Provide a statement of justification of term in office in 200 words or less.

This Petition was generated from inaccurate assumptions. The City and I supported our officers. In our press release dated September 8th it said we supported "...that the matter was reported" and we asked that the "public respect the rights of the individuals who brought this matter forward." The city began its investigation. Shortly after, Mr. Hoover's attorney informed the City's attorney that he might be willing to resign, if the terms of a separation package could be agreed upon. The City Council was open to a separation package and agreed to terms severing employment. This was a Council decision. I did not accept any agreement, nor did I make any recommendation. The council deliberated and came to their decision. The ongoing investigation by DPSST is a separate matter that the city has nothing to do with. Our case ended with the cessation of employment. Had the city not voted to accept the agreement, the process could have stretched on for several months resulting in continued costly expenses. The job of Mayor and Council is to protect the city and taxpayers from lawsuits that could be expensive. I respectfully ask to serve as your Mayor for the remainder of my term.

By signing this document I hereby certify that the information in the above statement of justification is true.



Public Officer's Signature

October 15, 2015

Date Signed

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