

# CLARIFICATION MEMO TO PUBLIC COMMENT



## For City Council Meetings held on March 18, 2026

**Inaccurate identity of text message records.** At a City Council Work Session, during Visitor Comment, a citizen made a comment about a text message between Chief Brian Greenway and Officers Brian Cutright and Dylan Gaston that was released as a public record. Because the record was generated from Officer Cutright's phone, Officer Cutright's name does not appear on the records. The citizen who submitted Visitor Comment appeared to believe that Officer Gaston made comments critical of her. In reviewing the text exchange closer, and confirming with the source of the records, it was Officer Cutright who made those critical statements, not Officer Gaston. Officer Cutright no longer works for the City of St. Helens.

**Who does the City Attorney represent?** At the March 18, 2026, City Council Work Session, before Visitor Comment, a citizen raised the question about who the City Attorney represents and reports to. The City Attorney represents the City as a municipal corporation and reports directly to City Council. The City Attorney's representation includes representing the elected officials, the City Administrator, and the City staff in the performance of their duties to the City, acting in their official capacity. The City Attorney supports the legal service needs that arise through the management of the City of St. Helens. The City Attorney does not represent any one elected official or employee. The City Attorney does not represent any members of the public. The City Attorney represents the City as an organization.