



**Office of the Washington State Auditor
Pat McCarthy**

December 30, 2021

City Council
City of Tumwater
555 Israel Rd SW
Tumwater, WA 98512

Dear Councilmember:

We are pleased to notify you regarding the beginning of our audit of the City of Tumwater for fiscal year 2020. The State Auditor's Office is committed to maintaining positive relationships and open communication with the governments we audit. As a member of the governing body, we believe you should be fully informed about our audit work. Therefore, we are inviting you to attend an entrance conference we have scheduled with your staff at 1:00 p.m. on January 18, 2022 through Microsoft Teams.

At the conference, we will discuss the audit and ask if you or City staff have any areas of concern that you would like us to include in the scope of our audit. We will also discuss the timing and cost of the audit.

After we finish our audit work, we plan to contact you again to invite you to attend an exit conference, in which we will share the results of the audit. This is an opportunity for you to hear directly from us about what we found and to ask any questions you may have about the audit process or results.

Please note that if a quorum of Council members attend either of these conferences, the City will be responsible for ensuring requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act are met.

We take very seriously our responsibility of serving citizens by promoting accountability, fiscal integrity and openness in state and local government. We believe it is critical to citizens and the mission of the City that we work together as partners in accountability to prevent or constructively resolve issues.

We look forward to meeting with management and the governing body at the entrance conference and hope to see you there. If you have any questions or matters that you would like to discuss with us, feel free to contact me at (564) 999-0879 or by email at Beau.Villarreal@sao.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Beau Villarreal
Auditor in Charge