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VIA U.S. MAIL and ECF FILING

Mr. Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20543-0001

Re: Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe v. City of Seattle
No. 22-955

Dear Mr. Harris:

On behalf of respondent City of Seattle and its City Light Department, for whom I am counsel of record, and in accordance with Rule 30.4, I respectfully request a one-month extension to file a brief in opposition to the petition for certiorari. The requested extension would make our response due on or before July 7, 2023.

Petitioner Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe filed its petition for writ of certiorari on March 28, 2023. On April 6, 2023, the City waived its right to file a response. On May 8, 2023, the Court requested a response. In your letter to me dated May 8, 2023, you said that our response should be filed on or before June 7, 2023.

I and my co-counsel for the respondent have been working diligently on our response to the petition, but we have other obligations. For example, two of my clients were recently sued in federal district court, and we must investigate and file answers and counterclaims in both cases before June 7, 2023. Further, I am experiencing a medical emergency that has required several medical appointments and may require a medical procedure before June 7. Having additional time will enable us to respond thoroughly to the arguments that the petition raises.

Thank you for considering this request. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kari L. Vander Stoep". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Kari L. Vander Stoep

cc: Jack W. Fiander, petitioner's counsel of record
Ann Davison, Seattle City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

As a member of the Supreme Court bar, and as required by Rules 29.5 and 30.4, I certify that I served a copy of this letter by U.S. Mail on May 24, 2023, on the following:

Jack W. Fiander
Towtnuk Law Offices, Ltd.
Sacred Ground Legal Services, Inc.
5808A Summitview Avenue

In addition, I sent an electronic copy of this letter on May 24, 2023, to the following address:

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CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The City of Seattle is a Washington municipal corporation. Seattle City Light is the name under which the City of Seattle's City Light Department operates. Seattle City Light is not a separate entity but part of a governmental corporation.