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Subject:	RE: Referral for investigation from the City of Blaine Council and City Manager
Date:	Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:57:40 AM
Attachments:	Report Fraud or A Loss to SAO.html

External Email

Thank you. I have filed the report via the link you provided. See attached.

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Karyna-

Thank you for taking my call yesterday and this morning. I am forwarding this via email so that you have my correct contact information. I understand that you will send to me the link for the referral of an investigation request to the State Auditor's office.

For clarity, this request for investigation is coming from both the City Council for the City of Blaine, and the City of Blaine City Manager. The information received is attached here. In short, our office

received a call from the City Manager last Tuesday morning regarding this matter. I subsequently spoke with the Mayor and Councilmember Hill who received the letter attached here, and that day Mr. Hill forwarded the letter to my attention. See attached email.

Going forward, at this time, the primary contact person for the City of Blaine would be the City Mayor, Mary Lou Steward. Mary Lou's City email address is: msteward@cityofblaine.com. Her phone number is 360.371.8618. I suggest a phone call to her first.

Given that the attached letter generally refers to "...the attorney..." without further identification, our office will not be involved in investigating this matter other than making the referral to the State Auditor's office.

After I submit the investigation request via the on line link that you will send to me, I will forward this email and update to the entire City Council.

I have copied Peter Ruffatto of our office who also serves as one of the City Attorney's for Blaine, the City Manager, and, as mentioned, the City Mayor.

Thank you.

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