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Hello,

I'm writing to share my comments for the 9/30 meeting regarding providing legal counsel for Mayor Her's lawsuit. I live in Ward 4 and am represented by Molly Coleman.

Mayor Her should not be able to use taxpayer dollars from the city budget to pay for her legal defense. I want my tax dollars to go towards public infrastructure and services, not the legal aid of a mayor being accused of sexual harassment. As we saw in Her's budget proposal in August, services like public libraries are at risk of being shut down while property taxes are rising. Thankfully, it seems like the library will be able to stay, but if the city is paying for her legal defense, I am worried about what future budget deficits the city will face as a result. This isn't going to be a quick and easy lawsuit and could become very costly. What public service cuts or increased taxes will we have to deal with as a result of the mayor not knowing how to behave properly?

Thank you,

Emma M.