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TONY VARNEY and GERALYN VARNEY

Petitioners,

V.

CITY OF TACOMA,

Respondents.

PETITIONERS' REPLY TO CITY OF TACOMA'S ANSWER TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR DISCRETIONARY FOR REVIEW

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I. REPLY TO CITY OF TACOMA'S ANSWER

The City of Tacoma's answer to the Varneys' Motion for Discretionary Review revolves around the City's **incorrect** assertions that (1) the factors in RAP 13.4(b) govern this motion and (2) that the Varney's motion was based on RAP 2.3(b).

Because the City's answer focused on the wrong RAP (i.e. RAP 13.4(b)), instead of the correct RAP (i.e. RAP 13.5), the Court should give no consideration to the City's answer.

RAP 13.5(a) and (b) state:

- (a) **How To Seek Review.** A party seeking review by the Supreme Court of an interlocutory decision of the Court of Appeals must file a motion for discretionary review in the Supreme Court and a copy in the Court of Appeals within 30 days after the decision is filed.
- (b) Considerations Governing Acceptance of Review. Discretionary review of an interlocutory decision of the Court of Appeals will be accepted by the Supreme Court only:
 - (1) If the Court of Appeals has committed an obvious error which would render further proceedings useless; or
 - (2) If the Court of Appeals has committed probable error and the decision of the Court of Appeals substantially alters the status quo or

substantially limits the freedom of a party to act; or

(3) If the Court of Appeals has so far departed from the accepted and usual course of judicial proceedings, or so far sanctioned such a departure by a trial court or administrative agency, as to call for the exercise of revisory jurisdiction by the Supreme Court.

II. CONCLUSION

The City focused on the wrong RAP, and its answer should therefore be stricken.

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