

1 Hearing date: July 9, 2025
Hearing time: 9:00 a.m.
2 Judge/Calendar: Skinder/Civil

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6 **STATE OF WASHINGTON**
7 **THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

8 IN THE MATTER OF:

NO. 25-2-02476-34

9 THE RECALL OF ROBERT
10 FERGUSON, Governor of the State of
11 Washington.

DECLARATION OF JAIME MARTIN

12 I, Jaime Martin, declare as follows:

13 1. I am over the age of 18 years and am competent to testify to the matters stated
14 below and do so based on my personal knowledge.

15 2. I am the External Relations Director in Governor Bob Ferguson's Office, a
16 position I have held since January 15, 2025.

17 3. The Governor is vested with constitutional authority to approve or reject bills
18 that are enacted by the Legislature. Once the Governor has approved a bill, my team and I
19 typically assist with organizing a bill signing event.

20 4. The time and location of bill signing events depend on a wide variety of factors,
21 including the Governor's schedule, the sponsors' schedules, size of the space, and availability
22 of potential locations.

23 5. Bill signing events held out of the office are recorded by TVW, the state's public
24 affairs network, but otherwise, not typically open to the public. Instead, the Governor,
25 legislators, and event hosts, and others invite certain interested members of the public to attend.
26 This legislative session, we assisted with bill signing events at the State Reception Room,

1 Ramos's private home, the ribbon cutting of a new facility in Des Moines, the Tri-Cities
2 Development Council, and an affordable housing unit in Seattle.

3 5. We also assisted in the coordination of the April 8, 2025, SSB 5106 bill signing
4 ceremony.

5 6. SSB 5106 added two Islamic holidays, Eid al-Adha and Eid al-Fitr, to a list of
6 "legislatively recognized days," and was sponsored by Senator Yasmin Trudeau. As a prime
7 sponsor of the bill, Senator Trudeau coordinated with our office and we agreed to organize a
8 bill signing at the Islamic Center of Tacoma.

9 7. After coordinating the time and place of the bill signing, the Governor's
10 Executive Director of Legislative Affairs sent a bill action memo to the standard recipient list
11 which includes several governmental distribution e-mail lists, including legislative staff,
12 announcing that Governor Ferguson would be signing SSB 5106 the following day. As is
13 typical, the bill action memo indicated that the signing could be viewed on TVW. Attached as
14 Exhibit A is a copy of the email and bill action memo.

15 8. Other than sending that bill action memo and coordinating media relations, the
16 Governor's Office did not decide who would be invited to the bill signing event or monitor
17 entrance to the bill signing event. Guest attendance tasks were left to the bill's prime sponsors,
18 Senator Trudeau and Representative Osman Salahuddin, and the Islamic Center of Tacoma.

19 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the
20 foregoing is true and correct.

21 EXECUTED this ____ day of _____ 2025, at _____, Washington.

22 [REDACTED]
23 JAIME MARTIN
24 *External Relations Director for*
25 *Governor Bob Ferguson*
26 [REDACTED]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, that on this date I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document, via electronic mail in accordance with the Court's electronic service protocol, on the following:

[REDACTED]

DATED this 2nd day of July 2025, at Olympia, Washington.

s/ Leena Vanderwood
LEENA VANDERWOOD
Paralegal