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The City has not received formal service of Ms. Peters' lawsuit. That said, her general claim that she was passed over for promotion because she is a woman has been investigated by three separate independent entities. None of those investigations concluded that Ms. Peters was discriminated against. Mayor Stothert is our City's first female Mayor and has proudly supported women in the community. She appointed the first female Fire Chief in the history of the Fire Department, and has appointed three other women as directors of City Departments. A majority of the employees in the Mayor's Office are women, and nearly half of Mayor Stothert's Cabinet are also women. Further, an independent investigation for the City of Omaha Personnel Board found no credible evidence that the Mayor or HR Director Deb Sander failed to maintain the highest integrity of the selection process to find a new City Attorney. That same independent investigation found that Ms. Peters' allegations lack factual support. We are confident that this lawsuit will also end with a dismissal of Ms. Peters' claims, and we have retained Baird Holm law firm to assist with the City's defense.

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