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**To:** ["Peter Christopher Esq."](#)  
**Cc:** ["Max Tassinari"; O'Malley, Debra \(SEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Winthrop Recall Action  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:55:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [RE Recall Petition.msg](#)

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Good Afternoon-

Please see attached new correspondence with the Town Clerk.

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**From:** Tassinari, Michelle (SEC)  
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Wasn't expecting that one...

I've just sent another email to the Town Counsel and cc'd the Town Clerk and have requested a call.

It seems like the Town Counsel has put himself in quite a pickle. It was my understanding that he advised previously that the petition wasn't valid, hence no certification, and that the Board of Registrars had no authority to overrule the clerk or put the question on the ballot. It was reported that the Town Counsel indicated that he would defend the Town no matter what the Board of Registrars decided, presumably even if he disagreed with it.

Well, now, what will he do? It seems to me that the "certification" isn't valid, and the Town Council is likely to reject it. Is he prepared to defend the Town if the Council rejects the "certification" and the petitioners sue?

And the "certification" doesn't make sense since the decision of the Board of Registrars isn't that the

petition is valid, it instead is an order of the Board to put the recall on the ballot, which they certainly have no authority to do. So it would seem that the “certification” isn’t valid simply based on this factual misrepresentation.

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Good morning Michelle. I wanted to make you aware of the attached order that was provided to my client yesterday.

Thank you.

Atty. Peter Christopher  
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On Sep 8, 2025, at 4:58 PM, Tassinari, Michelle (SEC) <[Michelle.Tassinari@sec.state.ma.us](mailto:Michelle.Tassinari@sec.state.ma.us)> wrote:

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When/if I receive a response, I will share. Thus far, I have not received a response.

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