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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 1, 2022
TO: Mayor Jane Castor
City Council Chairman Joseph Citro
THROUGH: John Bennett, Chief of Staff
FROM: Gina K. Grimes, City Attorney
SUBJECT: City Attorney Position

As you are aware, the City Charter has a City residency requirement for department heads and other personnel with administrative authority equal to or greater than that of a department head. The Charter also provides for a waiver of the City residency requirement for up to three (3) years, which was granted to me by City Council. My three-year waiver of the residency requirement expires on August 5, 2022.

Due to personal family circumstances, it is no longer feasible for me to relocate into the City of Tampa. As such, I will no longer be able to serve as City Attorney after August 5, 2022.

Until such time as the Mayor appoints a new City Attorney, I will transition the responsibilities of City Attorney to Deputy City Attorney Andrea Zelman. As we discussed, for four (4) weeks following August 5, 2022, I will serve in a legal/supportive role to complete the transition.

I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve as City Attorney during such a unique and dynamic time in the history of the City. Thank you both very much.