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Joint statement:

Bellingham's Presiding Judge Debra Lev and Mayor Seth Fleetwood have reached a mutual agreement that resolves legal issues relating to governance of the Bellingham Municipal Court that have been pending in Whatcom County Superior Court.

The settlement agreement ensures that the co-equal branches of City government will respect the independence and legal responsibilities of each other. It resolves the lawsuit in a manner that upholds the law, reduces litigation costs and serves the public interest.

Judge Lev and Mayor Fleetwood look forward to working together to ensure the success of this agreement.