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August 13, 2018

Honorable Richard D. Snyder  
Governor, State of Michigan  
The George Romney Building  
Lansing, MI 48909

Attention: Travis Weber  
Legal Counsel to the Governor

**Re: City of Ann Arbor – Proposed Charter Amendment**

**Section 12.4** – Currently, a vacancy in an elective office is filled by appointment of City Council, regardless of how long is left of the term. If this amendment is approved, a vacancy that occurs with more than half of the term remaining will be filled by appointment until the next regular City election, at which election the rest of the term will be contested, so long as the filing deadline for the primary election is thirty days or more after the vacancy occurs.

Dear Governor Snyder:

You have referred to this office the referenced charter amendment adopted by resolution of the Ann Arbor city council at its meeting on July 16, 2018, for submission to the voters at an election to be held on November 6, 2018.

I have reviewed the proposed amendment in light of the Home Rule City Act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.1, *et seq.*, and conclude that the amendment is consistent with that act.

The Attorney General has a separate responsibility to review proposed ballot language for compliance with the requirements of Section 21 of the Home Rule City Act, MCL 117.21. I have examined the ballot language for the proposed amendment

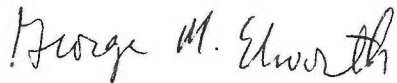
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as set forth in the city council's resolution and conclude that the ballot language conforms to the requirements of Section 21 of that act.

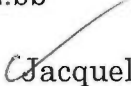
Sincerely,



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cc:  Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk (w/o enc.)  
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