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Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor, State of Michigan
The George Romney Building
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Attention: Steven C. Liedel
Legal Counsel to the Governor

Dear Governor Granholm:

Re: **City of Ann Arbor – proposed charter amendments**

Section 7.4(a)(1) and (2) – permits the current requirement of newspaper publication of city ordinances to be satisfied also by posting to the City website, or by any other means or methods determined appropriate by the City Council to inform the general public in matters of municipal concern (Proposal No. 1)

Section 7.3 (d) – permits the newspaper publication requirement for a proposed zoning ordinance or amendment to be satisfied by publication in any other media otherwise permitted by law (Proposal No. 2)

You have referred to this office for examination these proposed charter amendments adopted by Resolution R-09-344 of the Ann Arbor City Council which was initially adopted on August 17, 2009 and thereafter amended on September 8, 2009.

I have examined the proposed amendments in light of the Home Rule City Act (HRCA), 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.1 *et seq*, and conclude that the amendments are consistent with the HRCA.

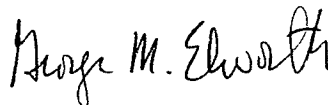
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The Attorney General has a separate responsibility to review the proposed ballot language for compliance with the requirements of Section 21 of the HRCA. I have examined the ballot language for the proposed amendments as set forth in Resolution R-09-344, as amended, and conclude that the ballot language conforms to the requirements of Section 21 of the HRCA.

Very truly yours,



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