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LT. GOVERNOR

September 11, 2024

City of Ann Arbor
Jacqueline Beaudry
City Clerk
301 E. Huron Street
P.O. Box 8647
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Re: **City of Ann Arbor - Proposed Charter Amendments via Initiative Petition**

Dear Ms. Beaudry,

Thank you for requesting my review and approval of the proposed charter amendments via initiative petition for the City of Ann Arbor, which my office received on August 8, 2024.

Under the Michigan Election Law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.646a, municipalities must submit ballot language for a charter amendment to their local clerks for certification no later than 4 p.m. on the twelfth Tuesday before the election. For the November 5, 2024 election, that deadline fell on August 13, 2024. Our office has previously indicated that we will not approve proposed charter amendments once this deadline has passed. Because Michigan residents deserve to know that any proposed charter amendments have been thoroughly reviewed by our office and the Department of Attorney General before they are put to a vote, we have recommended that cities submit proposed charter amendments to our office at least 60 days prior to this deadline.

In light of the above, I am formally notifying you that I am unable to approve these proposed charter amendments pursuant to the Home Rule City Act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.22.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

c: George M. Elworth, Assistant Attorney General