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JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.
LT. GOVERNOR

September 5, 2008

Jacqueline Beaudry, Clerk
City of Ann Arbor
100 North Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

Dear Ms. Beaudry:

Re: Proposed City Charter Amendment

I am writing regarding the request for approval of a proposed amendment to the Ann Arbor City Charter. A resolution proposing the amendment was approved by the Ann Arbor City Council on August 18, 2008. Based on the Department of Attorney General's conclusion that the proposal is consistent with applicable law, I approve the proposed amendment pursuant to Section 22 of The Home Rule City Act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.22.

Under state law, charter amendments and revisions adopted by the electorate must be filed with the Secretary of State.

Sincerely yours,


Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

c: George M. Elworth, Assistant Attorney General

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September 5, 2008

Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor, State of Michigan
The George Romney Building
Lansing, MI 48909

Attention: Kelly G. Keenan
Legal Counsel to the Governor

Dear Governor Granholm:

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

Section 14.3 – adds a provision requiring voter approval for the sale of any land within the city purchased, acquired or used for park land, while retaining the section's current requirement for voter approval of the sale of any park land that is designated as park land in the city's master plan at the time of the proposed sale

You have referred to this office for examination this proposed charter amendment adopted by resolution of the Ann Arbor city council at its meeting held on August 22, 2008.

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

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 amendment as set forth in the City Council's resolution, and the ballot language is approved.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George M. Elworth".

George M. Elworth
Assistant Attorney General
Finance Division

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Encs.

c w/o enc: Jacqueline Beaudry, City Clerk
Mary J. Fales, Senior Assistant City Attorney

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