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Via Registered Mail and E-Mail

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**RE: Referendum review: Charter Amendment on Voters' Right to Repeal Jacksonville
City Laws; Preliminary Review & Determination of Invalidity**

Dear Mr. Hogan, Mr. Brown and Mr. Radloff:

On January 29, 2018, the Office of General Counsel received the Supervisor of Elections' Memorandum, dated January 26, 2018, concerning a proposed Charter amendment which would give voters the right to repeal ordinances passed by City Council (the "Proposed Amendment"). Pursuant to Section 18.05(f)(1), City of Jacksonville Charter, the Supervisor has concluded that the petition for the

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Proposed Amendment meets the technical requirements for an initiative-referendum petition such as: (1) the petition is signed, (2) the signer is a registered voter, and (3) the number of qualifying petitions meets the threshold number required to undergo preliminary review for validation.

This Office is charged with determining the legal sufficiency of the form and substance of the petition. This Office has reviewed the Supervisor's Memorandum along with the provided materials and has determined that the proposed petition is legally defective and fatally misleading. It can not be lawfully placed on the ballot.

As required by the Charter, the particulars of why the petition is defective are specified in a memorandum of law enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this opinion, or would like to discuss this at your convenience, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure