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Dear Kurt:

As we discussed by telephone this week, you have advised me that the Charter Review Committee for Pinellas County has requested expressions of interest and statements of qualifications from attorneys in the event the Commission elects to seek such services. I enclose a copy of my current resume.

My usual charge for work of this kind for local government is \$200.00 per hour, which is below my normal rates for private clients. I can offer some economies because in working for a number of different charter commissions, I have amassed a great deal of research on the more common questions and that effort need not be duplicated. Travel expenses are reimbursable at the rate allowed for state employees, and there is no charge for travel time to regularly scheduled meetings.

It would be an honor to be considered and I would be happy to answer any further questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

C. ALLEN WATTS

Statement of Background, Training, and Experience in Matters Concerning Local Government Law

A private attorney who has concentrated on administrative law and local government matters for more than thirty years, Mr. Watts represents private development interests and also serves as a consultant to local governments throughout Florida. Mr. Watts is one of the first Board-certified city, county and local government law specialists in that state. He is chair of the land use and local government law department at Cobb & Cole.

A native of Winter Haven, Mr. Watts was graduated from Stetson University in 1967 and its College of Law (magna cum laude) in 1971. He graduated first in his law class, served as editor-in-chief of the Stetson Law Review, and earned numerous competitive scholastic honors. During a two-year sabbatical from private practice, he served as a member of the founding law school faculty at Campbell University in North Carolina, teaching courses in property rights, constitutional law and legislation. He has also attended a number of summer instructional programs at Harvard Law School. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court; the Federal Courts of Appeal for the Fourth, Fifth and Eleventh Circuits, and the state courts of Florida and North Carolina.

Mr. Watts has served as counsel to the charter commissions of Brevard, Flagler, St. Johns, Polk, Columbia and Volusia Counties, board counsel to the Volusia County School Board, and as the founding city attorney for the new cities of Palm Coast, DeBary and Deltona. Among other assignments, he served the City of Fort Lauderdale, Brevard County, and the Orange County School Board as redistricting counsel after the 2000 census.

He has also been heavily involved in issues of intergovernmental conflict and the resolution of those conflicts. He served as counsel to the School Board of Palm Beach County in securing Florida's first and only approved school concurrency plan. That plan required joinder of the School Board, 27 different municipalities and the Board of County Commissioners in a single agreement. He also served as counsel to the City of Winter Park in resolving a conflict with Orlando involving redevelopment of the former Naval Training Center; and as counsel to the School Board of Palm Beach County in resolving zoning disputes with the City of Boca Raton.

Mr. Watts pioneered the legal concept of impact fees on new development in Florida. He represented the City of Dunedin through six years of litigation in which the Supreme Court of Florida ultimately approved the constitutionality of such fees. During his service as board counsel to the School Board of Volusia County, he drafted its school impact fee ordinance and then defended it to a favorable settlement in a test case brought by the Florida Home Builders Association.

Mr. Watts has also been heavily engaged in the legal development of funding mechanisms for stormwater and other utility systems. He has provided counsel in the development of a stormwater funding plan for the Narragansett Bay Commission (Rhode Island), and in the development of stormwater utilities in several Florida jurisdictions. He wrote the legal chapter for the manual "Establishing A Stormwater Utility in Florida", published by the Florida Stormwater Association, and has lectured at Florida, Georgia and Southeastern conferences of stormwater utilities.

He is a member of the Administrative Law, Local Government, and the Environmental and Land Use sections of the Florida Bar and has lectured at numerous seminars for these sections. He is a contributing author of "Florida Environmental and Land Use Law," published by the Florida Bar, and has authored articles in the Florida Bar Journal and the Stetson Law Review. He has served three terms on the Florida Bar Appellate Court Rules Committee.

Mr. Watts is actively involved with his family and community. He has served as a vestryman and three terms as senior warden of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in DeLand., He is immediate past president of 1000 Friends of Florida, served on the steering committee and as subcommittee chair for the Florida Department of Transportation's Strategic Intermodal System, and currently serves on the FDOT State Road 40 environmental task force.