Ms. Maryanne Cornelius, Clerk  
City of Novi  
45175 W. Ten Mile Road  
Novi, Michigan 48375

Re: City of Novi Proposed Charter Amendments, Various Sections, and Sections 15.2, 3.12, 6.1, 7.5, 8.7, 8.11, 9.15, 14.1, 4.6, and 8.10

Dear Ms. Cornelius:

I am responding to the request for approval of the proposed charter amendments for the City of Novi. The resolution proposing the amendments was adopted by the city council at its meeting held on August 12, 2013. Based on the review by the Attorney General’s Office, I am notifying you that I approve the proposed amendments pursuant to the Home Rule City Act (HRCA), 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.1 et seq., for placement on the ballot November 5, 2013.

Sincerely,

Rick Snyder  
Governor

c: Attorney General’s Office, State Operations Division
Honorable Rick Snyder  
Governor, State of Michigan  
The George Romney Building  
Lansing, MI 48909

Attention: Michael F. Gadola  
Legal Counsel to the Governor

Re: City of Novi – Proposed Charter Amendments

Various Sections – restates the text of various sections of the charter using gender-neutral terms to refer to city officials, officers, and employees

Section 15.2 – deletes the current requirements for publications of notices, ordinances, and proceedings, and, in their place, allows publication through one or more of the following: posting in a newspaper, posting on the city's website, or publishing by other means or methods appropriate to properly inform the general public

Sections 3.12, 6.1, 7.5, 8.7, 8.11, 9.15, and 14.1 – amends the existing requirements for publication of various documents to provide that publication shall be “as required by law or this Charter”

Section 4.6 – combines Section 4.6, which describes the administrative plan of the city government, with Section 4.13, which establishes the Finance, Public Safety, and Public Service departments and authorizes the city council to create other administrative departments. The amendment would also authorize the city manager, in addition to the city council, to create administrative departments; delete Section 4.13 in its entirety; and amend the current reference to Section 4.13 contained in Section 4.7 to a reference to Section 4.6.

Section 8.10 – deletes, in its entirety, Section 8.10, which currently requires that all funds withdrawn from the City’s treasury be drawn pursuant to the authority and appropriation of the city council and upon “checks” signed by two officers of the city.
Honorable Rick Snyder  
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Dear Governor Snyder:

You have referred to us for examination five proposed charter amendments, adopted by resolution by the City of Novi City Council at its meeting held on August 12, 2013. I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the Charter of the City of Novi 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.

The Attorney General has a separate responsibility to review 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 the City Council's resolution and conclude that the ballot language conforms to the requirements of Section 21 of the HRCA.

Sincerely,

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Enc.  
cc: Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk  
Thomas R. Schultz, City Attorney