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Dear Miss Smith,

Please attach my correspondence to the agenda for Tuesday's meeting. Thank you.

Dear Mayor Johnston & Commissioners,

Thank you for sponsoring Joe Jacquot's presentation at this Tuesday's meeting. It demonstrates a commitment to the process of finding counsel to best represent us & in a manner that is totally transparent to the public— as it should be.

May I ask to what end is City Attorney Smith proposing a resolution that would give him blank-check authorization to hire an unnamed law firm of his choosing, without any public review? Doesn't that negate the very process you have all previously requested? **Why is Attorney Smith seemingly at odds with your requests that are essential to good government?**

Mr. Smith has not written the ordinances he said he would have on August 5 because he said we needed outside counsel. He dismissed Joe Jacquot **without** explanation. He tried to rush to hire another firm that possessed distinct conflict of interest before the public was alerted. & now, he wants us to trust that he has our best interests at stake in this hugely important issue that voters already voted on, & won.

Trust. We put our trust in you, our elected officials, to do what is right for the people.

Please continue to operate with the integrity you have operated with & allow for full transparency by asking any outside counsel candidate to appear for public review by you, the Commission.

I hope that after Tuesday's meeting, we will all find Mr. Jacquot to be a good choice to represent us as outside counsel. If not, then the public deserves to know who else might be considered, & those considered should go through the vetting process that Mr. Kaufman previously stated we need to have.

Please deny Mr. Smith's resolution for blank-check approval. Please continue to move forward with transparency, integrity, & dedication to your constituents.

Thank you for your consideration.