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Dear Mr. Hodges:

I am in receipt of your recent letter. You have stated that you have informed Lancaster County Council that the method of election can only be modified by a referendum or possibly by a law suit. You have stated that the council has asked you to inquire of this office as to whether there are any other means by which the method of election could be modified.

I would agree with your statement to the council. South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 4-9-10(c), as amended, specifically provides for the procedure for holding a referendum to change the method of election. A referendum may be called by the county council or by a petition signed by ten percent of the registered electors in the county.

Sincerely,

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Treva G. Ashworth

Senior Assistant Attorney General

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REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert D. Cook".

Robert D. Cook

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