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Law and Legislation Committee
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Charter Amendment, Section 31
Re: City Council Meetings

Dear Committee Members:

Committee Chairman Terry Kastanis has asked that our office prepare language amending City Charter Section 31 to provide that the Council may designate up to four weeks per year during which a regular Council meeting need not be held. At the present time, the Charter provides that the Council hold a regular meeting each week. The draft language is attached for your consideration.

I have advised Councilman Kastanis that if a quorum of the City Council is available, then the Council would not meet during a particular week. In these cases, the Council would get a week off and there is no penalty imposed by the City Charter. However, Councilman Kastanis says that, in fact, the Council doesn't take time off because it feels guilty about it and some members are concerned about the language in the City Charter. Councilman Kastanis does not want Council Members to feel that they must rush back from vacations early in order to attend a Council meeting. Other elected boards take time off during the year for vacation and holiday purposes. Therefore, Councilman Kastanis has asked that this amendment be prepared. If approved by the Council, the amendment could be submitted to the voters at the September, 1987 election.

Sincerely,

JAMES P. JACKSON
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Attachment

Sec. 31 Meetings.

- (a) The city council shall hold regular meetings at such times and places as may be fixed by resolution, except that the council shall meet after 5 p.m. not less than one evening each week; provided, however, that the city council may, in its discretion, designate up to four weeks per year during which a regular council meeting need not be held.
- (b) All meetings of the city council and its committees shall be called and conducted in the manner prescribed by State laws regarding matters of statewide concern which are in effect at the time of the meeting.