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August 2, 2022

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Sent via U. S. Mail, via email at OpinionRequest@ag.louisiana.gov, and via facsimile at (225) 326-6098

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Dear Attorney General Landry:

LAFAYETTE PARISH COUNCIL

Abraham "AB" Rubin, Jr.
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With reference to Lafayette Mayor-President Joshua S. Guillory's July 27, 2022 Attorney General Opinion Request, we seek to assert clarification and appropriate context to some of the established facts and analyses provided therein.

Bryan Tabor
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District 1

Regarding access to the Mayor-President by his designees (the Chief Administrative Officer and the City-Parish Attorney) as a foundation of his availability to Lafayette Parish, it is important to acknowledge the eliminated or, at best, significantly diminished possibility for the citizens of Lafayette Parish to either get to or use the direct service of the Mayor-President; thus, neither his broad nor narrow availability to Lafayette Parish exists. Additionally, no supporting information has been provided to the councils by LCG legal counsel or CAO to allow councils to make an independent determination of his availability as stated in his original request for an opinion.

Kevin Naquin
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Although the Mayor-President may be "able to personally review and sign documents," his admitted absence from Lafayette Parish for a period greater than 48 hours causes his personal execution of documents to lack a level of verification that his physical presence within Lafayette Parish would afford. It is citizens' "ordinary and understood" expectation that their elected Mayor-President not depend on prolonged equipment with a computer that is capable of secure Wi-Fi access for internet, email, network access, a landline telephone, a mobile telephone, facsimile access, teleconferencing software, and/or similar technologies as a condition for conducting the regular and ordinary affairs of LCG, none of which would be required with the Mayor-President's unfettered availability to Lafayette Parish.

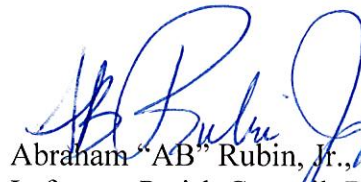
The Charter sets the maximum timeframe standard for which the citizens of Lafayette Parish are comfortable with the Mayor-President's absence and unavailability at 48 hours. Without disregarding sensitivity to the circumstances that place this overall matter under scrutiny, it is widely known that the Mayor-President is currently receiving inpatient treatment for alcoholism and post-traumatic stress disorder at an unknown facility in Texas.

As your response to Mayor-President Guillory's request is crafted, please carefully consider the factors provided herein. Further, in light of the clarification and context provided above, we respectfully request that the opinion sought by Mayor-President Guillory and rendered by your office on these matters also be forwarded to us in our capacities as Chair & Vice Chair of the Lafayette City Council and as Chair of the Lafayette Parish Council using the contact information provided within our signature lines below. We join the Mayor-President in anticipating receipt of your expedited response.

Sincerely,



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