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	SUBJECT	City Council Resolution #09-0346 – Charter Amendment-City Council-Independent Counsel

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TO

DATE: October 8, 2009

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Resolution #09-0346 is a Charter amendment which would allow the City Council to retain the services of an independent legal counsel; specify the duties of the independent legal counsel; and provide for an appropriation of at least \$100,000

The Law Department estimates an annual expenditure of approximately \$450,000 to provide legal services to the City Council as called for in the bill. This equates to 3.5 full-time equivalent attorneys and one full-time staff person plus non-personnel expenditures such as office supplies and on-line legal research.

The Finance Department can not support creating a new office which duplicates an existing service at a cost which is not included in the current budget. Consequently, the Finance Department opposes passage of this resolution.

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