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Martha,

We have not removed Charles Williams. Our legal office is reviewing the state laws to determine what authority the Governor has to remove him. We will follow up with you soon.

Thanks and have a great holiday weekend!

Swati

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 30, 2016, at 11:59 AM, Martha Casto <MarthaCasto@scsenate.gov> wrote:

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> Swati: As you are aware Sen. Peeler chairs the college/university screening committee. Recently we learned that a USC board of trustee member, Charles Williams, pled guilty to federal charges of unlawful trapping and killing of hawks. Section 8-1-100, says that upon "conviction" in any court for any crime, the Governor shall declare that office vacant.

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> We are determining which college and university seats are vacant or will be vacant for the purpose of screenings this fall for elections in 2017. Has the Governor removed Mr. Williams from the USC Board of Trustees and declared his seat vacant?

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> Thanks!

> Martha

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> <Charles Williams - USC.pdf>