

From: Pisarik, Holly
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Subject: FW: Advisory Opinion

Just talked to Michael. This will be put on the July 20th agenda.

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From: Burchstead, Michael
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 4:36 PM
To: Pisarik, Holly; Butch Bowers
Subject: RE: Advisory Opinion

Holly,

As discussed, we have agreed to continue the consideration of this opinion. We will tentatively pencil it in for our May 18th meeting. But the Commissioner who requested it may have a conflict with an arbitration that week, and if that is the case we will schedule the opinion for July 20th. We will be able to know by mid-April whether or not the May date will work on our end.

Hope this all makes sense.

Best regards,

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From: Burchstead, Michael
Sent: Monday, March 07, 2016 10:34 AM
To: Pisarik, Holly; Butch Bowers
Subject: Advisory Opinion

Butch and Holly,

I have spoken with each of you separately about the Commission's reconsideration of the football ticket Advisory Opinion. This is scheduled for next Wednesday, March 16th. To recap what we have discussed, this reconsideration was initiated by a single Commissioner who had misgivings about the opinion that was issued last September. Attached is a proposed opinion drafted by this Commissioner.

The Commission will be provided with both the Commissioner's draft opinion and my previous opinion which has been adopted. Then I would anticipate the Commission will decide whether to keep the existing opinion in place, withdraw it and replace it with the new opinion, or take some other action. Although my personal belief is that the opinion adopted by the Commission was appropriate, I do not anticipate (as of now) taking an active role in this discussion.

If you wish, the Governor's Office or USC may offer any feedback or participate in the discussion on Wednesday, just as you did back in September. Please just let me know if you wish to attend or participate, or if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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