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LT. GOVERNOR

August 15, 2023

Marie E. Wicks
Interim City Clerk
City of East Lansing
410 Abbot Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

Re: **City of East Lansing - Proposed Charter Amendments to Chapters 3 and 4, Section 3.3, and Section 14.3**

Dear Ms. Wicks,

I am responding to the request for approval of proposed charter amendments for the City of East Lansing pursuant to the Home Rule City Act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.1 *et. seq.* The resolutions proposing these amendments were adopted by the East Lansing City Council at its meetings held on July 11 and 19, 2023. I am notifying you that, based on the review by the Department of Attorney General, I approve the proposed amendments to Chapters 3 and 4, which relate to the number of members on the city council, and the proposed amendment to Section 3.3, which relates to the commencement of city council members terms, for submission to the voters at the general election to be held on November 7, 2023.

However, based on the review by the Department of Attorney General, I do not approve the proposed amendment to Section 14.3, which proposes to change regular city elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years, for submission to the voters on November 7, 2023. As the Department of Attorney General explained in its August 4, 2023 letter, the proposed amendment conflicts with the Home Rule City Act and does not otherwise comply with the Michigan Election Law.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

c: George M. Elworth, Assistant Attorney General