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Nancy,

I was asked today by Council Member Jake Weitzel to send a copy of the "certificate of the plan of government" proposed by the 1994-96 Study Commission and adopted, in part, by the Stevensville voters in 1996. I am pleased to do so.

Please note that there is a misleading oversight on this certificate at 7-3-218(1) which should read 7-3-218(2). The Study Commission placed two proposed amendments of the then existing plan of city government on the 1996 ballot. (See attached ballot certificate).

The proposed amendment to adopt "nonpartisan elections" was approved by the voters at that election by a vote of 192 to 124 and is correctly indicated as 7-3-219(2).

However, the proposed amendment to adopt "at-large elections" was defeated by a vote of 228 to 85. Therefore, this provision should read 7-3-218(2) which calls for the election of council members by districts (wards) within which the candidate must reside.

If you have any questions about this certificate please call.

Sincerely,

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