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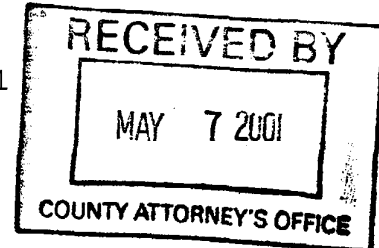
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May 3, 2001

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Dear Ms. Campbell:

This refers to the procedures for conducting the November 5, 2002, special charter amendment election and, if adopted by the voters, the establishment of a county internal performance auditor for Hillsborough County, Florida, submitted to the Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973c. We received your submission on March 30, 2001.

Our analysis indicates that the establishment of a county internal performance auditor does not affect voting and, therefore, is not subject to the preclearance requirement of Section 5. Accordingly, no determination by the Attorney General is required or appropriate under Section 5. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R. 51.2, 51.12, 51.13, and 51.35).

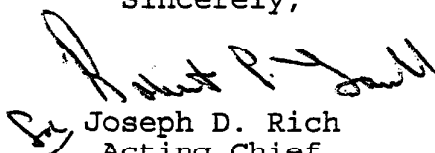
The Attorney General does not interpose any objection to the remaining specified change. However, we note that Section 5 expressly provides that the failure of the Attorney General to object does not bar subsequent litigation to enjoin the enforcement of the change. In addition, as authorized by Section 5, we reserve the right to reexamine this submission if additional information that would otherwise require an objection comes to our attention during the remainder of the sixty-day review period. See the Procedures for the Administration of Section 5 (28 C.F.R. 51.41 and 51.43).

Finally, we wish to take this opportunity to inform you that beginning January 29, 2001, Section 5 submissions sent to the Attorney General, other than through the United States Postal Service, should be addressed, or may be delivered to: Chief,

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Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice,
1800 G Street, N.W., Room 7254, Washington, DC 20006. Our
postal box address (P.O. Box 66128, Washington, DC 20035-6128)
remains unchanged.

Sincerely,


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