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25th District

January 8, 2007

The Honorable Michael Brown
City of Riviera Beach, Mayor
600 West Blue Heron Blvd.
Riviera Beach, Florida 33404

Dear Mayor Brown:

Please find attached a letter I have received from the Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Clay Roberts, which addresses, in part, the legal matter now underway between the City and citizens who have offered petitions to be placed on the March 2007 ballot.

I was saddened to read in a Dec 23rd article in the Palm Beach Post that the City was suing these citizens for the process by which they have attempted to petition their government. It is my hope that the city will make every effort to work with the petitioners and allow their ballot initiatives to be placed on the March ballot.

I believe the Deputy Attorney General makes it clear that as long as the citizens of Riviera Beach have followed the process for petitioning their government that is presently provided for in State Statute than they have properly followed the law.

To sue the citizens for not following more restrictive measures adopted by the City in its Charter for this very same process is not productive and will only delay the desire of the people to express their voice in this matter.

It is my hope that the City will immediately drop the legal action against the citizens and prepare to include these petitions on the March ballot.

Wishing you well in 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Atwater".

Jeff Atwater

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