



**THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
OF TEXAS**

August 23, 1988

**JIM MATTOX  
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Honorable Al Lipscomb  
Councilman - District 8  
City of Dallas  
City Hall  
Dallas, Texas 75201

LO-88-97

Dear Mr. Lipscomb:

Thank you for your letter of August 19, 1988. As I mentioned to you in LO-88-60, dated May 25, 1988, no state law would be implicated by the appointment of Mr. Lesser. Although the Dallas City Council must itself adopt ordinances, it is at liberty to use any valid means of drafting or researching an ordinance. State law grants a home rule city broad discretion in determining what constitutes the proper means of drafting ordinances. This office cannot involve itself in matters relating to the construction of ordinances of the City of Dallas.

If you believe that ethical considerations are at issue, you should contact the State Bar of Texas. I regret that we cannot be of further assistance.

~~Very truly yours,~~

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rick Gilpin".

RICK GILPIN, Chairman  
Opinion Committee

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Woelk".

SARAH WOELK, Chief  
Letter Opinion Section

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