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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023 4:32 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: letter

I have made the point to him that this was not a Board approved expenditure but rather one made without board knowledge on behalf on a single individual. You and I both know the pressure he is under. We did not change our conclusion as to public purpose.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 20, 2023, at 4:13 PM, Angel Colonneseo <[Angel.Colonneseo@manateeclerk.com](mailto:Angel.Colonneseo@manateeclerk.com)> wrote:

**\*EXTERNAL TO GT\***

Thank you Fred. I appreciate it. As you know, we merely asked for a legal analysis one way or another on the audit finding which is part of our Constitutional function. It is unique that the county attorney became so involved as to request the very attorney that I retained for these services to put a peripheral "clarification" in writing. It appears to go beyond the scope of the statutory function, as any one individual is not the "client" of the county attorney, rather it is the board as a body. This purchase was not made by the board as a body, nor was it related to the board as a body. The question posed to counsel by my Inspector General was, "Is the expenditure of public funds for voter data as described in the audit, a lawful public purpose?" I am perplexed by his characterization of the conclusion as gratuitous. In any legal writing construct, the answer to the question posed is provided first, followed by extrapolation of the legal opinion just as was provided. Nonetheless, he requested this letter be drafted by counsel and I appreciate you providing me with a copy. My apologies that you were drawn in to such a mundane matter.

Thank you.  
Angel

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Angel, Attached is the “clarification” of John Londot’s opinion letter to you. It does not change the conclusion that the expenditure was not for a public purpose. It says we did not rely on the bond cases and a showing of “paramount” public purpose. I hope this settles the dust.

**Fred W. Baggett**  
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FYI thanks

**John Londot**  
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