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March 24, 2009

Mr. Luis Toro  
Senior Counsel  
Ethics Watch  
1630 Welton Street, Suite 415  
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Possible Violation of Fort Collins Campaign  
Finance Law

Dear Mr. Toro:

This is to acknowledge my receipt of your letter dated March 24, 2009, filed with the City Clerk on behalf of Colorado Ethics Watch, in which you allege that City Council candidate Andrew Boucher and/or his campaign committee have violated certain provisions of the City Code related to the conduct of elections in the City.

As City Manager for the City of Fort Collins, I recognize that the enforcement of the laws and ordinances of the City is among my responsibilities under the City Charter. In this situation, however, I believe it to be in the best interests of the City to work with the City Attorney to employ special legal counsel to investigate the allegations contained in your letter in view of the fact that Mr. Boucher is a candidate for the office of Councilmember, and both the City Attorney and I are direct employees of the Council.

As soon as we are able to arrange for the services of special counsel, we will refer the matter to him or her for review and investigation. I trust that you will be contacted during the course of that investigation and you will also be notified of its outcome.

If you have any questions about the processing of this matter, feel free to contact me or, in my absence, the Deputy or Assistant City Manager. My office can be reached at (970) 221-6505 or by email at [datteberry@fcgov.com](mailto:datteberry@fcgov.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darin Atteberry".

Darin Atteberry  
City Manager

pc: Wanda Krajicek, City Clerk  
Steve Roy, City Attorney

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