January 16, 2009

Karen Sidney
Conlan & Sidney, P.C.
103 East Liberty Street, Suite 212
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated January 12, 2009
09-015 Sidney

Dear Ms. Sidney:

I am responding to your request under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, dated January 12, 2009. Your request for "copies of concept drawings for the proposed convention center that were made available to members of City Council at the January 10, 2009 retreat" is denied, under MCL 15.243(1)(m):

"Communications and notes within a public body or between public bodies of an advisory nature to the extent that they cover other than purely factual materials and are preliminary to a final agency determination of policy or action."

If you receive written notice that your request has been denied, in whole or in part, under Section 10 of the Act, you may, at your option either: (1) submit to the City Administrator a written appeal that specifically states the word "appeal" and identifies the reason(s) for reversal of the disclosure denial; or (2) file a lawsuit in the circuit court to compel the City’s disclosure of the record. If after judicial review, the circuit court determines that the City has not complied with the Act, you may be awarded reasonable attorneys’ fees and damages as specified under the Act.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Steve Bartha, City FOIA Coordinator, (734)794-6210, extension 42198.

Sincerely,

[signature]

Jayne S. Miller
Community Services Administrator