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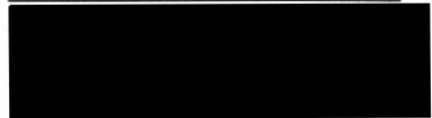
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL



Re: City of Birmingham

Dear 

On August 4, 2016 my Office received your petitions under Ala. Code §13A-11-61.3 regarding possible violations of Alabama law by the City of Birmingham. Specifically, you alleged that the City posted signs prohibiting firearms at City Hall, City Libraries, and Vulcan Park & Museum, as well as language prohibiting weapons on the websites of the Birmingham Public Library and Vulcan Park & Museum.

My Office's investigation confirmed that the City of Birmingham posted the signs. I asked the City of Birmingham to explain its legal justification for prohibiting weapons. The City of Birmingham reviewed redacted copies of your petitions and the relevant portions of Alabama law and removed these signs posted at the City Libraries and removed website language from the Birmingham Public Library website.

The City provided justification for the prohibition of weapons at City Hall. City Hall is "a restricted access facility" which employs security "24 hours a day." In addition, "each visitor to City Hall must pass through a checkpoint with guards, sign in, and pass through a metal rail barrier" and have their personal items screened. Please note that your petition regarding City Hall falsely alleged that there were no security guards, physical barriers, magnetometers, etc. in place, and that it is a crime to file a false complaint.

The City also stated that Vulcan Park and Museum does not post signs prohibiting weapons and that the Vulcan Park website contains park rules that request guests to refrain from carrying firearms, but that the rules are "not meant to carry any threat of enforcement."

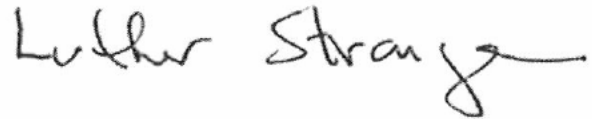
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Because the City of Birmingham is compliant with Alabama law, I have determined that there is no further action required under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3.

A redacted copy of this letter will be posted to my Office's website, in compliance with the statutory requirement under Ala. Code § 13A-11-61.3(f)(3).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luther Strange". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Luther Strange
Attorney General

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