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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

July 27, 1977

\*1 Mr. C. R. Caldwell, Sr.  
Board of Commissioners  
Chesterfield, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

In response to your request for an opinion as to whether or not the Chesterfield County governing body is authorized to furnish one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars in county funds to the Cheraw Chamber of Commerce to be used by the latter's Health Care Committee in expanding health care facilities and increasing medical personnel in Chesterfield County, my opinion is that it is not so authorized. I am enclosing copies of earlier opinions of this Office to the effect that the furnishing of county or municipal funds to chambers of commerce is not constitutionally permissible under Article X, Section 6 of the South Carolina Constitution of 1895, as amended. Whether or not the provisions of new Article X, when they become effective after November 30, 1977, will result in a liberalization of allowable uses of county funds is a matter which no doubt will eventually be resolved by future litigation.

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson  
Assistant Attorney General

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