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Dear Jim:

In response to your telephone inquiry, my opinion is that, by virtue of the affirmative vote of the three voting members of the Dorchester County Council, the matter voted upon carried notwithstanding the abstention of the other four Council members. As I understand the facts, the Dorchester County Council operates pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order; according to that authority, 'a 'majority vote' means more than half of the votes cast by persons legally entitled to vote excluding blanks or abstentions at a regular meeting at which a quorum is present' [emphasis added].

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson  
Assistant Attorney General

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