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Dear Alders,

Please be sure to read the Opinion put out by the American Bar Association with your own eyes. This is very significant and you should know what you are giving consent to before you just broadly decide to give it away.

I was unable to find a link to the document in Legistar, but I was able to locate it. I think it's really important to understand this before you vote.

<https://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives/2024/05/aba-issues-ethics-guidance-listservs/>

https://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/administrative/professional_responsibility/ethics-opinions/aba-formal-opinion-511.pdf

After watching the CCEC meeting earlier today and hearing the Attorney's description of this new opinion, I'm not so sure the explanation was very thorough. Of course I'm no attorney, but the reading is simple. The opinion of the ABA seems to be related to protecting identity and attorney-client privilege and stresses the importance of having consent to share details about specifying scenarios with other attorneys on a listserv. They don't need consent to share in vague terms or to collaborate on issues, etc.

If you pass this tonight, you are giving blanket consent to the Office of the City Attorney to share particulars of legal matters the City is facing in listservs **with your consent**.

The Office of the City Attorney is always representing and serving the best interests of the City and the Mayor. I'd just recommend reading that and thinking about how your blanket consent might play out before you vote.

Thanks,

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