

Judge Calvin Johnson (ret)

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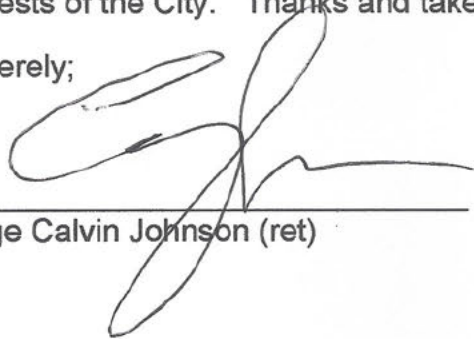
Special Prosecutor Judge Laurie White:

Re: State vs Elizabeth Murrill

I write to urge you to exercise your prosecutorial discretion and dismiss the charges against Attorney General Elizabeth Murrill. Like you, I am a career public servant. Indeed, I accepted the City Council's appointment as interim Clerk of Court because, as a lifelong New Orleanian, I vowed to always answer the call to serve the people of New Orleans. I will continue to answer that call, but the people of New Orleans are not served by this prosecution, which continues to alienate the city from the rest of the state and distract from the important work we have ahead. I do not condone, in any form or fashion, the letters sent by the Attorney General, but I did not feel victimized by the letter I received. As a result, I believe it is in everyone's best interest to begin moving forward with a clean slate.

I acknowledge that only you and the courts can determine whether a prosecution can proceed, but I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to state in writing my opinion that pursuing these charges does more harm than good in advancing the interests of the City. Thanks and take care.

Sincerely;



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