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prior to the weekend of August 1-2, Attorney General Paxton requested that I prepare a letter concerning foreclosure sales. General Paxton told me that he was concerned that foreclosures would proceed without adequate numbers of bidders in light of restrictions on outdoor gatherings imposed by Executive Order GA-28. I was under the impression that a third party had requested that General Paxton address this issue, and requested that General Paxton put me in touch with that third party so I could better understand the problem. General Paxton provided me with the name and phone number of an individual to call. I reached out to that individual, and he claimed to have not spoken with General Paxton and was not aware our office had been asked to address the issue. Moreover, he was not an authorized requester of an AG opinion. I advised that an authorized requester was needed. General Paxton agreed that we could reach out to Senator Bryan Hughes, which we did, and ask that he make a request, which he did. We then prepared the response and sent it to Senator Hughes. Senator Paxton then asked that we find a way publicize the letter via a press statement. I resisted that suggestion because the letter was not newsworthy, had been rushed through the process in a matter of days at the extreme urging of General Paxton, and I was uncertain about why the letter had been requested. I was particularly concerned because the gentleman who I was told was informed about the issues appeared to be completely ignorant of the letter. We finally agreed to compromise by placing a short "noteworthy" post on the website, but only after I advised General Paxton (at First Assistant Mateer's urging) that any press release would need to be previewed with the Governor's office in light of the discussion of GA-28. The following week, on August 4, the Austin Business Journal reported that World Class had placed several properties into bankruptcy.



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