Supreme Court of the United States Washington, D. C. 20543

JUSTICE LEWIS F. POWELL, JR.

March 27, 1980

78-1779 Owen v. City of Independence

MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE:

Here is the draft - in Atex form - of my dissent.

As my draft necessarily was prepared in major part without benefit of the Court opinion, there will be some revisions. I believe, however, that the draft expresses generally the reasons that prompted four of us to dissent.

L.F.P. Jr.

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