

May 14, 2013

To whom it may concern,

Pursuant to the state public records law and any other applicable state or federal laws or regulations, The Galveston Daily News requests access to the following:

- A copy of the Galveston Housing Authority's most recent human capital plan, written in relation to the construction of the island's mixed-income housing, with the assistance of McCormack Baron Salazar and other development partners.

We request as much of this information as possible to be made available to us in electronic format. If any fields or records are deleted or redacted, please provide a detailed explanation of the exemption under the laws your office relies on to justify the deletion or redaction. Also please provide all documentation necessary to load and analyze this data, including the record layout for each table, field descriptions and electronic copies of the codes.

As you are aware, the state Public Records Law does not allow a blanket exemption for public records but instead requires the custodian of the records to justify withholding any or all parts of a record by the application of narrowly-defined exemptions. When exempt information is intertwined with non-exempt information, the non-exempt portions are subject to disclosure once the exempt portions are deleted.

If any or all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific statutory exemption(s) which you believe justifies your refusal to release the information and inform me of your agency's administrative appeals procedures available to the Galveston County Daily News under the statute(s).

The law requires your agency provide a response to this request within 10 days by either denying the request or making an offer to provide the requested materials. I request an expedited response to this request and a waiver of all fees, as allowed for by the state statute. The public's right to access to records maintained by public agencies such as yours may be enforced by court order of mandamus.

The records I request are very specific and narrowly defined, and memorialize the kind of routine business for which the public has an interest. If you have any questions regarding this request, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thanks in advance for your help.

Best,

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