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VIA REGULAR MAIL & E-MAIL

Claire Woodall-Vogg
Executive Director, City of Milwaukee Elections Commission
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Re: Open Records Request

Dear Ms. Woodall-Vogg,

Pursuant to Wisconsin's Open Records Law Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31-39, this letter requests the following records:

All communications between the Milwaukee Elections Commission (including all staff and commission members) and the Office of Mayor (including all staff, Mayor Cavalier Johnson, and anyone communicating on the Mayors behalf) relating to "Milwaukee Votes 2022" (specifically, the initiative announced by the city at the May 24, 2022 press conference referenced here: <https://www.cbs58.com/news/milwaukee-votes-mayor-johnson-announces-effort-to-get-more-residents-to-the-polls>).

This request includes, but is not limited to:

- All communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, or messages on messaging platforms, such as Signal, Slack, Google, Lync, Skype, or WhatsApp) discussing the "Milwaukee Votes 2022" initiative; and
- All records related to the May 24, 2022 press conference including but not limited to: agendas, transcripts, and communications related to planning the press conference.

Please provide all response records from April 1, 2022 through the date the search is conducted.

Please be aware that the Open Records law defines "record" to include information that is maintained on paper as well as electronically, such as data files and unprinted emails. Wis. Stat. § 19.32(2).

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Please also be aware that the Open Records law “shall be construed in every instance with the presumption of complete public access consistent with the conduct of governmental business. The denial of access generally is contrary to the public interest and only in exceptional cases can access be denied.” If you deny my request, the law requires you to do so in writing and state what part of the law you believe entitles you to deny my request. Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(a).

The Open Records law states that you may charge for “the actual, necessary and direct cost” of locating records, if this exceeds \$50, and for photocopies. The Wisconsin Department of Justice advises that copying fees under the Open Records law should be “around 15 cents per page and that anything in excess of 25 cents may be suspect.” Please advise me before processing this request if the total cost will exceed \$50. We request that all records related to this request be provided in electronic format, if possible.

As you know, the law requires you to respond to this request “as soon as practicable and without delay.”

If you are not the records custodian for this information, please forward this request to the appropriate person. Also, please let me know if I can clarify or refine this request.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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