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January 7, 2010

David Stanowski
Galveston Open Government Project
2211 Avenue P
Galveston, TX 77550

RE: Open Record Requests Nos. 09-564 & 10-005

Dear Mr. Stanowski:

On Thursday, December 31, 2009, the City of Galveston received your open records request (ORR 09-564 dated 12/30/09) asking for:

“All communication, advice, correspondence, memos, and emails between Steve LeBlanc and/or Susie Green and the City Council collectively or individually between 01 November 2009 and today regarding the Galveston Housing Authority.”

On Tuesday January 5, 2010, the City of Galveston received another open records request from you (ORR 10-005 dated 01/05/10) asking for:

“All communication, advice, correspondence, memos, and emails from, to, and between Steve LeBlanc, Susie Green, Wendy O'Donohoe, Lori Schwarz, and the City Council Members from 01 November 2009 until today regarding the Galveston Housing Authority.

All communication, advice, correspondence, memos, and emails from, to, and between the City Council Members from 01 November 2009 until today regarding the Galveston Housing Authority.

All communication, advice, correspondence, memos, and emails from, to, and between people and organizations outside of City government and City staff, and the City Council Members from 01 November 2009 until today regarding the Galveston Housing Authority.”

ORR 10-005 is a broader request that necessarily includes all of the information you initially requested in ORR 09-564. Fulfilling both requests would result in a duplication of both effort and information. Is your intent to withdraw ORR 09-564 and rely on your later request (ORR 10-005)? Doing so would result in less costs to both you and the City, and you would still be entitled to all the information you requested in both requests.

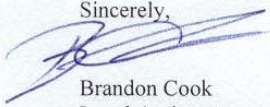
Please bear in mind that State Law provides that (depending upon the number of copies required and personnel time required to respond to your requests) the City may be entitled to charge you under the Public Information Act for \$15/hour for labor, 10 cents per copy and a 20% overhead charge based on the

\$15 hourly labor charge. The City may also be entitled to require you to make a deposit or bond for payment of anticipated costs for the preparation of a copy of public information per § 552.263 of the Public Information Act.

This letter requesting clarification is being made pursuant to the Texas Local Government Code § 552.222. Any deadlines for response to your request are tolled until clarification is received. Please be advised that if the City does not receive a written response within 61 days of the date of this letter, the underlying request for public information will be considered to have been withdrawn in accordance with § 552.222.

State law requires this letter to be sent via certified mail. Please respond in writing so there is a record of your communication.

Sincerely,



Brandon Cook
Legal Assistant