

Yorkville District 115 FOIA Request - August 7, 2023 Closed Meeting Recording

17 messages

Check CU [REDACTED]
To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

Mon, Jan 22, 2024 at 10:40 PM

I am requesting records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

Please provide:

A copy of any recordings that may exist for the August 7th, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

I am requesting a fee waiver for any fees that may be assessed.

Thank you,
CheckCU.org

I am a writer and contributor for CheckCU.org, CorruptCU.com, and ILDocs.com, all of which are non-profit. I have also written for the Public i and the IMC, a non profit organization. In this capacity, I write and publish articles regarding issues of public interest at regular intervals. My content is viewed by thousands of readers per month.

I regularly post videos to Check CU's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/@CheckCU>

I regularly post articles on CheckCU's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CheckCU>

My websites CheckCU.org and ILDocs.com also host tens of thousands of pages of public records, largely sourced through FOIA, and all available for free access by the public. Records posted on my sites are frequently used and cited by the public and by public officials.

I am a member of the Investigative Journalists and Editors (IRE) and the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ). I intend to access and disseminate the information to the public, I intend to write articles on the information, and I intend to research and speak on the information at public meetings for the purposes of public education.

You can find a some of my media references and credentials here

<https://checkcu.org/press-and-media-references/>

This request cannot be treated as voluminous or from a recurrent requester. As outlined in Section 2(g):

"For purposes of this definition, requests made by news media and non-profit, scientific, or academic organizations shall not be considered in calculating the number of requests made in the time periods in this definition when the principal purpose of the requests is (i) to access and disseminate information concerning news and current or passing events, (ii) for articles of opinion or features of interest to the public, or (iii) for the purpose of academic, scientific, or public research or education."

Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

Thu, Jan 25, 2024 at 10:47 AM

To: Check CU [REDACTED]

Good morning, attached is a response to your request.

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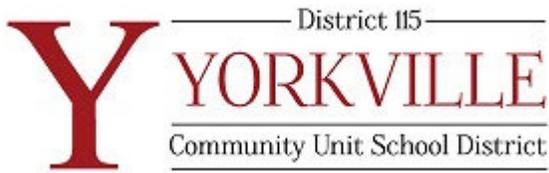
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 **2024.01.25 Check CU Recording - Just Mercy.pdf**
151K

Check CU [REDACTED] Thu, Jan 25, 2024 at 2:47 PM
To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

I created a shared Dropbox folder: [https://www.dropbox.com/\[REDACTED\]](https://www.dropbox.com/[REDACTED])
[REDACTED]
I believe you should be able to simply drag and drop the file into this folder. That will save the trouble of physically mailing it.

[Quoted text hidden]

Check CU [REDACTED] Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 4:24 AM
To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

Please let me know if the Dropbox link works for you.

[Quoted text hidden]

Check CU [REDACTED] Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 1:40 PM
To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

Hello, can you let me know today if there is any issue with the shared Dropbox folder I created?

[Quoted text hidden]

Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org> Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 3:21 PM
To: Check CU [REDACTED]

I can only send the recording on a flash drive, would you like to pick it up or for me to mail it today?

[Quoted text hidden]

Check CU [REDACTED] Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 4:09 PM
To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

Can you tell me why you can't just place the recording into the Dropbox folder I created?
Is there some technical limitation that I can help with?

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Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org> Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 4:16 PM
To: Check CU [REDACTED]

We are only providing the recording on flash drives. Would you like to pick it up or for me to put it in the mail today?

[Quoted text hidden]

Check CU [REDACTED] Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 4:34 PM

To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

I am requesting conveyance of the records using the free and easily accessible shared Dropbox folder which I have provided to you.

Or, if the records are small enough to be sent as email attachments, please use that method.

You should not spend taxpayer money on unnecessary flash drives and mailing costs.

[Quoted text hidden]

Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 4:44 PM

To: Check CU [REDACTED]

I am attaching the file, Please let me know if you are not able to open it because it is too large.

[Quoted text hidden]

 **2023.08.07 Closed Session Redacted Recording.xspf**
1K

Check CU [REDACTED]

Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 4:51 PM

To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

You have attached a 1KB .xspf file.

I believe this is a playlist file, but it does not contain audio.

According to the .xspf file you sent, there is an audio file here:

C:/Users/canderson/Downloads/2023.08.07%20Closed%20Session%20-%20Redacted.m4a'

So I need that .m4a file.

It may be too large to email, which is why I suggested Dropbox.

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Check CU [REDACTED]

Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 4:54 PM

To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

I am able to receive email attachments up to 50MB in size.

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Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 7:31 PM

To: Check CU [REDACTED]

Please let me know if the dropbox attachment worked.

[Quoted text hidden]

Check CU [REDACTED]

Fri, Jan 26, 2024 at 7:50 PM

To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

You successfully placed a file in the shared Dropbox folder, however you have again simply provided a small .xspf file.

An xspf file is not an audio file - it is a playlist.

I need the actual audio file (which in this case I believe is a .m4a file).

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Check CU [REDACTED]

Sat, Jan 27, 2024 at 6:31 PM

To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

This morning a new file was added to the Dropbox folder. This file is a .m3u file that is 293 bytes in size. This is not an audio file.

The previous file you supplied was a .xspf file and it was 599 bytes in size. This file is not an audio file.

The file I need is the actual audio file.

The file is named "2023.08.07 Closed Session - Redacted.m4a" and it should be located in your downloads folder here:
C:/Users/canderson/Downloads/

Just place the .m4a file in the shared Dropbox folder.

[Quoted text hidden]

Check CU [REDACTED]
To: Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>

Sat, Jan 27, 2024 at 6:33 PM

If the file is less than 50MB, you can simply send it to me as an email attachment.

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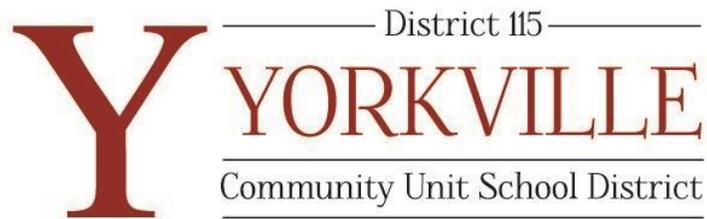
Cathy Anderson <canderson@y115.org>
To: Check CU [REDACTED]

Mon, Jan 29, 2024 at 9:27 AM

Good morning, can you open this file?

 2023.08.07 Closed Session Redacted Recording converted.mp4

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January 25, 2024

Via Email

Check CU

[REDACTED]

RE: RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST

Dear Check CU:

Thank you for writing to Yorkville Community Unit School District No. 115 (the “District”) with your request pursuant to the Illinois *Freedom of Information Act* (“FOIA”), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, received on January 23, 2024. You requested the following:

“A copy of any recordings that may exist for the August 7th, 2023 Board of Education meeting.”

Your request is granted in part and denied in part. A recording is available at the District office for your inspection and/or copying on your behalf. Due to file size, the recording must be transferred on a flash drive. Please send us a mailing address and we will be happy to send it to you via US mail.

Portions of the closed session recording were redacted in compliance with the Attorney General’s binding opinion. Specifically, personal information that could identify a student and parent was removed pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(c). *See Chicago Alliance for Neighborhood Safety v. City of Chicago*, 348 Ill. App. 3d 188, 209, 211 (1st Dist. 2004) (“[T]he core purpose of the FOIA is to expose what the government is doing, not what its private citizens are up to.”); *see also* 5 ILCS 120/2.06; 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(a), (l); 5 ILCS 140/7.5(r). You may have a right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (“PAC”) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 days of the date of this letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of any denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

As the FOIA Officer for the District, I am responsible for responding to your request. If I have misinterpreted your request in any way, please contact me in writing.

Sincerely,

Cathy Anderson
FOIA Officer

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