



Re: 2019 PAC 59241

1 message

Christopher Hansen <corruptcu@gmail.com>

Sun, Oct 6, 2019 at 12:30 AM

To: "Reid, Alexis" <AREid@atg.state.il.us>

Cc: "Draws, Leo" <LDraws@atg.state.il.us>, "terent@urbanaininois.us" <terent@urbanaininois.us>

Mr. Draws,

I have reviewed Todd Rent's response.

The exemption Mr. rent is seeking, 7(1)(f), states that "except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly city and identified by the head of the public body. In fact, Chief Seraphin, the head of the Urbana Police Department, has already made specific mention of some of the emails that I am seeking in my FOIA request, which was fully denied. From Chief Seraphin:

"Mr. Hansen,

Last week, I indeed received your email while I was out of town on vacation. I did forward your request for the investigation report through the FOIA process, and I believe you have already received it (City of Urbana FOIA #2019-F-387).

I apologize for the delay in this response because I was gone and have been digging out from under email over the last couple of days.

With regards to this citizen complaint, I will let my response letter stand on its own.

-Bryant

Bryant Seraphin
Chief of Police
Urbana Police Department
400 S. Vine Street
Urbana, IL 61801
Office: 217-384-2334"

In regards to Rent's claim that internal communications regarding the fulfillment of FOIA requests is itself not subject to FOIA: I would like to suggest that Mr. Rent uses this "preliminary drafts" exemption so frequently and so broadly that it would seem virtually no document, except for perhaps official press releases, are subject to FOIA. Mr. Rent allows for now possibility that any email or communication not already printed on the city website might be subject to FOIA. I believe the City of Urbana is applying this exemption only in the interest of secrecy and the furtherance of corruption. I can see no public interest being served in this practice. I have made repeated requests to the City of Urbana over the past year and have yet to find any internal communication to which Mr. Rent will not attempt to apply this exemption. I cannot believe that 7(1)(f) was meant to exempt every single email on the City of Urbana's server, however this is how Mr. Rent applies the exemption. I think it is absolutely absurd that of any variety of documents a citizen might request via FOIA, the City of Urbana finds that their own FOIA fulfillment process is to be kept secret. If there was any part of a public entity that should never be concealed with a veil of secrecy, it should be the inner workings of their FOIA fulfillment process.

Furthermore, whatever concerns Mr. Rent has about a "frank and open discussion" are no longer living concerns, as the "discussion" in this case has been had and was over with many months ago. The release of documents at this point will have no bearing whatsoever on a decision making process that is long over with.

I respectfully request that my original FOIA request be fulfilled.

Regards,
Christopher Hansen

On Tue, Oct 1, 2019 at 3:25 PM Reid, Alexis <AREid@atg.state.il.us> wrote:

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- > Please find the attached correspondence from AAG Draws.
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- > Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.
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- > Alexis Reid, Office Assistant
- > Office of the Attorney General
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