



December 21, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: Open Records Request

Dear Public Records Custodian:

Pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Law (O.C.G.A. § 50-18-70 et seq.), American Oversight makes the following request for records.

Requested Records

American Oversight requests that your office produce the following within three business days:

All email communications (including email messages, email attachments, calendar invitations, and attachments thereto) between the county officials listed in Column A below and the external parties listed in Column B below.

| Column A: Dekalb County Elections and Registration & Board of Elections Officials | Column B: External Parties |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Director of Voter Registration and Elections Erica Hamilton or anyone communicating on her behalf ii. Elections Supervisor Tiffani Gilbert iii. Registration Supervisor Twyla Hart iv. Board Member Anthony Lewis v. Board Member Susan Motter vi. Bboard Member Dele Lowman Smith vii. Board Member Samuel E. Tillman viii. Board Member Baoky N. Vu | <p><u>GA State Republican Party Officials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chairman David Shafer (including david@gagop.org and other known email addresses) b) 1st Vice-Chairman, Carolyn Fisher (including carolynfishergop@gmail.com and other known email addresses) c) 2nd Vice-Chairman, Brant Frost (including bfrostv@gmail.com and other known email addresses) d) Executive Director, Stewart Bragg (including stewart@gagop.org and other known email addresses) e) Political Director, Joe Proenza (including joe@gagop.org and other known email addresses) |



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| | <p><u>DeKalb County Republican Party Officials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chairman Lawrence Flynn (including Chairman@DeKalbGOP.org or other known email addresses) b) 1st Vice Chairman, Michael Bryan (including 1stvicechair@DeKalbGOP.org and other known email addresses) c) 2nd Vice Chairman, Steven Simms (including 2ndvicechair@DeKalbGOP.org and other known email addresses) d) Secretary David Raines (including Secretary@DeKalbGOP.org and other known email addresses) e) Anyone communicating from an email address ending in @DeKalb.org |
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Please provide all responsive records from December 10, 2020, through the date the request is received.

Please notify American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of \$100 prior to incurring such costs or fees.

American Oversight insists that your office use the most up-to-date technologies to search for responsive information and take steps to ensure that the most complete repositories of information are searched. American Oversight is available to work with you to craft appropriate search terms. **However, custodian searches are still required; your office may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.**

In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically that it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.

Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by your office before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

To ensure that this request is properly construed, that searches are conducted in an adequate but efficient manner, and that extraneous costs are not incurred, American Oversight welcomes an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, American Oversight and your office can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in electronic format by email or in PDF or TIF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records to American Oversight, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

Conclusion

American Oversight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission to promote transparency in government, to educate the public about government activities, and to ensure the accountability of government officials. American Oversight uses the information gathered, and its analysis of it, to educate the public through reports, press releases, or other media. American Oversight also makes materials it gathers available on its public website and promotes their availability on social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter.¹

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with you on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact Khahilia Shaw at records@americanoversight.org or 202.539.6507.

Sincerely,



Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight

¹ American Oversight currently has approximately 15,600 page likes on Facebook and 106,100 followers on Twitter. American Oversight, FACEBOOK, <https://www.facebook.com/weareoversight/> (last visited Dec. 18, 2020); American Oversight (@weareoversight), TWITTER, <https://twitter.com/weareoversight> (last visited Dec. 18, 2020).