

Request #16-356

CLOSED

As of October 22, 2017, 2:40pm

Details

All documents, dated 1/1/2016 to the present, concerning any contemplated or planned meeting, conference, summit, exchange or partnership involving the City of Providence and Antigua, Guatemala, or Guatemala City, Guatemala, or the country of Guatemala.

Received

June 24, 2016 via web

Departments

None Assigned

Requester

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Documents

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[Docs.pdf](#)

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Requester

Only

(none)

Staff

Point of Contact

Etie Schaub

Timeline

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External Message

Requester + Staff

Ms. Harris: The below is a response to your recent communication associated with Request #16-356, in which you requested the following: "By law, you are required to identify the basis for each individual redaction. In particular, please identify (by document name and page number) which redactions are protected by attorney-client privilege. Please identify (by document name and page number) which redactions are protected as correspondence between elected officials and, in addition, which elected officials are involved. Other than personal addresses, email addresses or personal phone numbers, please identify (by document name and page number) which redactions are justified by invasion of personal privacy." In processing your request, the Law Department attempted to provide the exact information you sought. As such, no explanations are provided for redactions of "personal addresses, email addresses or personal phone numbers." Furthermore, no explanations are provided for redactions of "drafts, notes, impressions, memoranda, working papers, and work products" made pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(K). Finally, although you seek the identity of the "elected officials involved" with regard to redactions made pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M), providing that information would circumvent the purpose of the exemption and, therefore, the identity of the specific elected officials involved will not be revealed. In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-8, you may wish to appeal this decision to the Chief Administrative Officer. In this instance, Nicole Pollock, Chief of Staff to the Mayor of Providence, fulfills that role. You may also wish to file a

complaint with the Department of the Attorney General or the Rhode Island Superior Court. Document "Docs": Page Number Reason for Redaction 127 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 134 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 137 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 138 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 139 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 140 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 141 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 142 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 152 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 154 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 155 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 156 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 172 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 177 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 178 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 180 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity.

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the attorney-client privilege, which would not be available by law or rule of court to an opposing party in litigation. 63 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(E), to prevent the disclosure of information protected by the attorney-client privilege, which would not be available by law or rule of court to an opposing party in litigation. 65 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(E), to prevent the disclosure of information protected by the attorney-client privilege, which would not be available by law or rule of court to an opposing party in litigation. 67 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(E), to prevent the disclosure of information protected by the attorney-client privilege, which would not be available by law or rule of court to an opposing party in litigation. 69 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(E), to prevent the disclosure of information protected by the attorney-client privilege, which would not be available by law or rule of court to an opposing party in litigation. 266 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. 271 Redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because it is correspondence of an elected official in his/her official capacity. This request is now closed.

September 12, 2016, 11:18am by Etie Schaub (Staff)

Request Published

Public

September 11, 2016, 1:09pm

External Message

Requester + Staff

I paid \$11.25 for the Public Records Unit to respond to the following request: "Please identify (by document name and page number) which redactions are protected as correspondence between elected officials and, in addition, which elected officials are involved. Other than personal addresses, email addresses or personal phone numbers, please identify (by document name and page number) which redactions are justified by invasion of personal privacy." Where is the response to this request?

September 9, 2016, 8:04pm by the requester

External Message

Requester + Staff

I will drop off a check for \$11.25 at the Public Records Unit for Request #16-356.

August 19, 2016, 10:36am by the requester

External Message

Requester + Staff

The Public Records Unit has conducted an initial review of the responsive documents and has determined that responding to your latest request will require a significant amount of search, retrieval, review, and/or redaction to respond to your request. More specifically, it is estimated that it will take 0.75 hours. Under the Access to Public Records Act, the City may charge \$15 per hour for search, retrieval, review, and redaction, with the first hour free. See R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-4(b). Additionally, for the purpose of assessing charges for search and retrieval, multiple requests from the same person within a thirty (30) day period are considered one request. See R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-4(b). The Public Records Unit has already expended at least one hour in search, retrieval, review, and/or redaction to respond to your other request(s) made within the past thirty (30) days. Accordingly, your free hour was exhausted on that request, and you will be charged \$11.25 for this request. Checks made payable to the City of Providence may be sent to: Public Records Unit, 444 Westminster Street, Suite 220, Providence, RI 02903. Please note that this is just an estimate and you will be charged based upon actual time and costs.

August 19, 2016, 10:22am by Etie Schaub (Staff)

External Message

Requester + Staff

By law, you are required to identify the basis for each individual redaction. In particular, please identify (by document name and page number) which redactions are protected by attorney-client privilege. Please identify (by document name and page number) which redactions are protected as correspondence between elected officials and, in addition, which elected officials are involved. Other than personal addresses, email

addresses or personal phone numbers, please identify (by document name and page number) which redactions are justified by invasion of personal privacy.

August 14, 2016, 6:40pm by the requester

Request Closed

Public

Kindly note that documents have been redacted, consistent with the Access to Public Records Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(A)(I)(b), to prevent the disclosure of information which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Documents have been withheld and redacted pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(M) because they are "correspondence of or to elected officials with or relating to those they represent and/or correspondence of or to elected officials in their official capacities".

Documents responsive to your request have been redacted, consistent with R.I. Gen. Laws 38-2-2(4)(A)(I)(a) and 38-2-2(4)(E), to prevent the disclosure of information protected by the attorney-client privilege, which would not be available by law or rule of court to an opposing party in litigation.

Documents have been withheld pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4)(K) because they are "preliminary drafts, notes, impressions, memoranda, working papers, and work products."

None of the withheld documents contain reasonably segregable information that is releasable. R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-3(b).

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-8, you may wish to appeal this decision to the Chief Administrative Officer. In this instance, Tony Simon, Chief of Staff to the Mayor, fulfills that role. You may also wish to file a complaint with the Department of the Attorney General or the Rhode Island Superior Court.

The amount of time taken to produce the released

records has exceeded the estimated time you were previously quoted. There are additional documents that have not been reviewed or redacted that may be responsive to your request.

The Public Records Unit has conducted an initial review of the remaining responsive documents and has determined that it will take at least an additional 10 hours of search, retrieval, review and redaction to respond to your request.

Under the Access to Public Records Act, the City may charge \$15 per hour for search, retrieval, review, and redaction, with the first hour free. See R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-4(b). Additionally, for the purpose of assessing charges, multiple requests from the same person or entity within a thirty (30) day period are considered one request. See R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-4(b). The Public Records Unit has already expended at least one hour in search, retrieval, review, and/or redaction to respond to your other request(s) made within the past thirty (30) days. Accordingly, your free hour has been exhausted, and you will be charged \$150.00 for this request.

Please note that this is just an estimate and you will be charged based upon actual time and costs.

Please further note that nothing in this email represents a determination that responsive records will be found or that, if found, responsive records are public records.

Kindly note that the time to respond to your request is tolled pending receipt of your authorization and prepayment in the amount set forth in the estimate. Checks made payable to the City of Providence may be sent to: Public Records Unit, 444 Westminster Street, Suite 220, Providence, RI 02903.

August 12, 2016, 1:02pm

Document(s) Released

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August 12, 2016, 12:58pm

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August 12, 2016, 12:58pm

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August 12, 2016, 12:58pm

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August 12, 2016, 12:58pm

Request Reopened Public

July 14, 2016, 8:58am

External Message Requester + Staff

I will drop off a check in the amount of \$187.50 to the Public Records Unit today.

Once the requested documents are produced, I request a detailed breakdown of the time spent in search, retrieval, review and redaction.

July 13, 2016, 7:56am by the requester

Request Closed Public

July 11, 2016, 1:38pm

Request Reopened Public

June 30, 2016, 11:51am

External Message Requester + Staff

I will drop off a check for \$7.50 at the Public Records Unit on June 29, 2016.

June 28, 2016, 10:21pm by the requester

Request Closed

Public

The Public Records Unit has conducted an initial review of your request and the potentially responsive documents and has determined that it will take at least 0.5 hours of time to provide you with an estimate as to how many hours of search, retrieval, review, and redaction it will take to respond to your request.

Under the Access to Public Records Act, the City may charge \$15 per hour for search, retrieval, review, and redaction, with the first hour free. See R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-4(b). Additionally, for the purpose of assessing charges, multiple requests from the same person or entity within a thirty (30) day period are considered one request. See R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-4(b).

The Public Records Unit has already expended at least one hour in search, retrieval, review, and/or redaction to respond to your other request(s) made within the past thirty (30) days.

Accordingly, your free hour has been exhausted, and you will be charged \$7.50 to prepare an estimate for this request.

Please note that this is just an estimate and you will be charged based upon actual time and costs.

Please further note that nothing in this email represents a determination that responsive records will be found or that, if found, responsive records are public records.

Kindly note that the time to respond to your request is tolled pending receipt of your authorization and prepayment in the amount set forth in the estimate.

Checks made payable to the City of Providence may be sent to: Public Records Unit, 444 Westminster Street,

Suite 220, Providence, RI 02903.

June 28, 2016, 3:55pm

Request Opened Public

Request received via web

June 28, 2016, 2:19pm
