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Re: Maryland Public Information Act Request

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to the provisions of the Maryland Public Information Act (PIA), SG §§10-611 - 10-630, Judicial Watch, Inc. requests from Montgomery County access to and a copy of any and all public record(s) within thirty (30) days concerning or relating to the following:

1. Any and all records relating to CASA of (de) Maryland's budget and accounting information, opening and operation of day labor site(s) in Montgomery County, procedures/requirements for determining work authorization at day labor site(s), and any agreements and/or applications made by CASA of (de) Maryland to Montgomery County.
2. Any and all records relating to the use of public funds to fund (including, but not limited to, grants, income, subsidies, loans, and debt forgiveness), house, or provide goods and services for any day labor site(s) located in Montgomery County.
3. Any and all records relating to the use of public funds provided to CASA of (de) Maryland by Montgomery County to fund, in any way, education, training, publications, outreach, health care, English language training, recreation, gang prevention, etc.

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4. Any and all research, studies, analyses, statistics, data, surveys, reports, legal opinions, and any other information related to:
 - a. Illegal immigrants immigrating to, living and/or working in Montgomery County;
 - b. Day labor site(s), day laborers (including information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of day laborers) and employers of day laborers in Montgomery County; and
 - c. CASA of (de) Maryland's day labor site and day laborers and employers of such day laborers, including the citizenship or immigration status of day laborers.
5. Any and all communications and/or correspondence between Montgomery County and any federal government agency regarding CASA of (de) Maryland and/or any day labor site(s) located within the county.
6. Policies and procedures for Montgomery County employees concerning or relating to illegal aliens or suspected illegal aliens, including but not limited to approval or denial of services with respect to a person's citizenship or immigration status.
7. Policies and procedures concerning or relating to contacts or communications with between Montgomery County employees and federal immigration officials, including but not limited to officials of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the U.S. Border Patrol, regarding a person's citizenship or immigration status.
8. Any third party communications, including, but not limited to members of the media and/or activists, regarding Montgomery County day labor site(s).

The time-frame for this request is January 1, 2005 to present.

Public records are any records that are made by, or received by, a covered public agency in connection with the transaction of public business. SG §10-611(g)(1)(i). All "public records" are covered by the PIA. The term "public record" includes not only written material but also computerized records (including, but not limited to emails and digital files), correspondence, photographs, photostats, films, microfilms, recordings, tapes, maps, drawings, and any copy of a public record. SG §10-611(g)(1)(ii).

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this request, you are required to determine whether the request, in whole or in part, seeks copies of disclosable public records in your possession and to notify us promptly of your determination and the reasons therefore. SG §10-614(b)(2). If this request is denied you are required to provide a written statement of the reasons for the denial, the legal authority for the denial, and notice of the remedies for review of the denial within 10 working days. SG §10-614(b)(3)(ii).

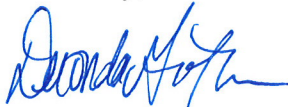
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Any reasonably segregable portion of a record otherwise exempt from disclosure is required to be made available after deletion of the portions that are exempted by law. SG §10-618(a).

Finally, Judicial Watch requests a waiver of any direct costs of duplication or statutory fees pursuant to SG §10-618(e) as the request is for noncommercial purposes that serve the public interest. Judicial Watch is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) educational organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the operations of government as well as the importance of ethics and the rule of law. Judicial Watch regularly requests information from public agencies about their operations and activities and disseminates this information to the public in furtherance of its educational mission. However, if any fee is to be charged for copying the requested records, please notify us in advance if the expected cost is likely to exceed \$150.00.

If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification of this request or any portion thereof, please contact us immediately at 202-646-5172 or dgrothe@judicialwatch.org.

Sincerely,



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