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VIA EMAIL: kevin@ehdhlaw.com

RE: Your Open Records Requests, dated April 13, 2023, addressed to Deborah Gonzalez and received by the Open Records Officer on April 13, 2023.

Dear Mr. Epps:

Request 1:

I am writing in response to your above-referenced open records request that was received by the Open Records Officer on April 13, 2023. You asked for the following records of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government:

1. Any and all emails, texts, or other correspondence containing zoom link invitations for any meetings that Deborah Gonzalez has participated in since she has taken office including any zoom meetings she had with any individuals not employed with the District Attorney's Office.

To/From Deborah Gonzalez
January 1, 2021 – Present
Zoom Invitation

2. All texts between Deborah Gonzalez and June Teasley on March 10, 2023.

All documents that are releasable and responsive to your request that are maintained by the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government will be prepared for your review. The following information, to the extent that it exists, will be exempt from release pursuant to the following described provisions of the Open Records Act: O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (a) [with a summary of the type of exception]:

- (1) O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (a) (41) [attorney-client privilege]
- (2) O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (a) (42) [attorney work product]

(3) O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (a) (20) [individual's social security number, personal email address or cellular phone number, etc.]

(4) O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (a) (21) [public employee personal information]

To provide clarity, I have broken down our estimate of costs in the chart below.

Dept. / Gov't Body	Hourly Rate	Anticipated Length of Time	Cost Estimate:	Notes / Explanation:
Information Technology	\$35.58	15 minutes	\$8.89 - \$8.89 = \$0.00	Minus the first 15 minutes of work. Pulled potentially responsive emails as follows: Record Search 1: 9 messages Record Search 2: 0 messages
District Attorney's Office	\$17.00	.10 hours	\$ 1.70	Search and Review of all potentially responsive records: documents, messages, etc. @ 9 messages
TOTAL:			\$ 1.70	

Request 2:

I am writing in response to your above-referenced open records request that was received by the Open Records Officer on April 13, 2023. You asked for the following records of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government:

1. A copy of any and all documents and communications including e-mails, letters, voicemails, correspondence, memoranda, faxes and SMS/MMS text messages wherein Deborah Gonzalez discussed sentencing recommendations with individuals who were not employees of the Western Judicial Circuit's District Attorney's Office.

From Deborah Gonzalez
March 1, 2023 – Present
Sentencing Recommendations

2. A copy of all documents and communications including e-mails, letters, voicemails, correspondence, memoranda, faxes and SMS/MMS text messages between Deborah Gonzalez and Graham Penney since March 1, 2023 and until the time such records are produced.

To/From Deborah Gonzalez To/From Graham Penney
March 1, 2023 - Present

All documents that are releasable and responsive to your request that are maintained by the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government will be prepared for your review. The following information, to the extent that it exists, will be exempt from release pursuant to the following described provisions of the Open Records Act: O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 (a) [with a summary of the type of exception]:

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Information Technology	\$35.58	15 minutes	\$8.89 - \$8.89 = \$0.00	Minus the first 15 minutes of work. Record search 1: 99 messages Record Search 2: 216 messages
District Attorney's Office	\$17.00	2.71 hours	\$ 46.07	Search and Review of all potentially responsive records: documents, messages, etc. @ 325 messages
TOTAL:			\$ 46.07	

Cost of 2 ORRs:

Request 1	\$ 1.70
Request 2	\$ 46.07
Total	\$ 47.77

** These amounts are estimates. We will keep track of actual time spent on these numerous requests, and send you a modified estimate as we proceed. We will also send a final invoice based on the actual time spent.*

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-71(d), an agency seeking costs in excess of \$500.00 shall notify the requestor of the estimate of the costs, and the agency may defer search and retrieval of the records until the requester sends payment in full for the estimate costs. The requester is not charged for the first fifteen (15) minutes of time. Charges for time are not to exceed the salary of the lowest paid full-time employee who, in the discretion of the custodian of the records, has the necessary skill and training to perform the request.

Please let me know if you agree to pay the cost above so I can begin the review. Within three (3) business days of retrieval and completed review of the records, I will notify you in writing of any further exemptions and the date that records will be available. Should you have any additional questions, please call me at 706-613-3035.

Sincerely,



District Attorney, Western Judicial Circuit