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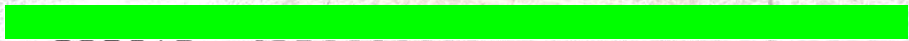
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**VIA EMAIL: kevin@ehdhlaw.com**

**RE: Your Open Records Requests, dated April 5, 2023, addressed to Deborah Gonzalez and received by the Open Records Officer on April 5, 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 5, 2023. You asked for the following records of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government:

1. All emails (including any attachments) sent to or from Deborah Gonzalez or Jennie de la Vega since January 1, 2021 until the time such records are produced to or from Sarah.George@accgov.com.

Search From/to Deborah Gonzalez or From/To Jennie De la Vega  
January 1, 2021 – Present  
To/From [Sarah.george@accgov.com](mailto:Sarah.george@accgov.com)

2. All emails (including any attachments) sent to or from Deborah Gonzalez or Jennie de la Vega since January 1, 2021 until the time such records are produced that include the words "demote" or "demoted" or "demoting" or "demotion".

Search To/From Jennie De la Vega or To/From Deborah Gonzalez  
Since January 1, 2021 - Present  
With "demote" or "demoted" or "demoting" or "demotion"

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 136 potentially responsive emails as follows: Record Search 1: 104 messages Record Search 2: 359 messages
District Attorney's Office	\$17.00	3.85 hours	\$ 65.45	Search and Review of all potentially responsive records: documents, messages, etc. @ 463 messages
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$ 65.45</b>	

**Request 2:**

I am writing in response to your above-referenced open records request that was received by the Open Records Officer on April 4, 2023. You asked for the following records of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government:

1. All emails (including any attachments) sent to or from Deborah Gonzalez or Jennie de la Vega since January 1, 2021 until the time such records are produced that include "CONFIDENTIAL" in the subject line.

Search From/to Deborah Gonzalez or From/To Jennie De la Vega  
January 1, 2021 – Present  
"Confidential"

2. All emails (including any attachments) sent to or from Deborah Gonzalez since October 17, 2022 until the time such records are produced to or from any email that includes "@dcs.ga.gov"

Search From/to Deborah Gonzalez  
October 17, 2022 – Present  
@dcs.ga.gov

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: 60 messages Record Search 2: 500 messages
District Attorney's Office	\$17.00	4.66 hours	\$79.22	Search and Review of all potentially responsive records: documents, messages, etc. @ 560 messages
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$79.22</b>	

Cost of 2 ORRs:

Request 1	\$ 65.45
Request 2	\$ <u>79.22</u>
Total	\$ 144.67

*\* 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 requestor sends payment in full for the estimate costs. The requestor 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.

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