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

**RE: Your Open Records Requests, dated April 11, 2023, addressed to Deborah Gonzalez and received by the Open Records Officer on April 11, 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 11, 2023. You asked for the following records of the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government:

1. Since January 1, 2021, any and all tangible documents, electronic documents, and emails concerning the termination of ADA Robert Schollmeyer.

January 1, 2021 – Present  
Termination  
Schollmeyer

2. Since August 1, 2022, any and all emails sent from or received by Deborah Gonzalez containing the phrase "listening session."

To/From Deborah Gonzalez  
Since August 1, 2022 - Present  
"listening session"

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: 278 messages Record Search 2: 226 messages
District Attorney's Office	\$17.00	4.2hours	\$ 71.40	Search and Review of all potentially responsive records: documents, messages, etc. @ 504 messages
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$ 71.40</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 11, 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 to or from James Hall since March 1, 2023 until the time such records are produced.

Search From/to Deborah Gonzalez  
March 1, 2023 – Present  
To/From James Hall

2. All emails (including any attachments) sent to or from David Lyle from December 12, 2021 to December 18, 2021.

Search From/to David Lyle  
December 12, 2021 – December 18, 2021  
[David.lyle@accgov.com](mailto:David.lyle@accgov.com)

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: 0 messages Record Search 2: 215 messages
District Attorney's Office	\$17.00	1.79 hours	\$ 30.43	Search and Review of all potentially responsive records: documents, messages, etc. @ 215 messages
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$ \$30.43</b>	

Cost of 2 ORRs:

Request 1	\$	71.40
Request 2	\$	<u>30.43</u>
Total	\$	101.83

*\* 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,

*Deborah Gonzalez*

District Attorney, Western Judicial Circuit