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VIA EMAIL: kevin@ehdhlaw.com

RE: Your Open Records Requests, dated April 6, 2023, addressed to Deborah Gonzalez and received by the Open Records Officer on April 6, 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 6, 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 tracyglawson@gmail.com.

Search From/to Deborah Gonzalez or From/To Jennie De la Vega January 1, 2021 – Present To/From tracyglawson@gmail.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 to or from david@gautreauxlawfirm.com.

Search To/From Jennie De la Vega or To/From Deborah Gonzalez Since January 1, 2021 - Present To/from david@gautreauxlawfirm.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]:

- (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: 89 messages Record Search 2: 176 messages |
| District Attorney's Office | \$17.00 | 2.2 hours | \$ 37.40 | Search and Review of all potentially responsive records: documents, messages, etc. (a) 265 messages |
| | | TOTAL: | \$ 37.40 | |

Request 2:

I am writing in response to your above-referenced open records request that was received by the Open Records Officer on April 6, 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 December 1, 2022 until the time such records are produced that include the phrase "State Court judge."

Search From/to Deborah Gonzalez or From/To Jennie De la Vega December 1, 2022 – Present "State Court Judge"

2. All emails (including any attachments) sent to or from Deborah Gonzalez or Jennie de la Vega since January 1, 2023 until the time such records are produced which include the word "copyright."

Search From/to Deborah Gonzalez January 1, 2023 – Present "Copyright"

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.

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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: 58 messages Record Search 2: 1696 messages | |
| District Attorney's Office | \$17.00 | 14.62 hours | \$248.54 | Search and Review of all potentially responsive records: documents, messages, etc. @ 1755 messages | |
| | 1.7 | TOTAL: | \$248.54 | | |

Cost of 2 ORRs:

| Request 1 | \$ 37.40 |
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| Request 2 | \$ 248.54 |
| Total | \$ 285.94 |

^{*} 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.

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

Deborah Gonzalez