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VIA EMAIL: kevin@ehdhlaw.com

RE: Your Open Records Requests, dated April 4, 2023, addressed to Deborah Gonzalez and received by the Open Records Officer on April 4, 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 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 to or from an email that includes "@cjcc.ga.gov"

Search From/to Deborah Gonzalez or From/To Jennie De la Vega
January 1, 2021 – Present
Email address @cjcc.ga.gov

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 which contain the word "benched."

Search To/From Jennie De la Vega or To/From Deborah Gonzalez
Since January 1, 2021 - Present
"benched"

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: 250 messages Record Search 2: 0 messages
District Attorney's Office	\$17.00	2.08 hours	\$35.36	Search and Review of all potentially responsive records: documents, messages, etc. @ 250 messages
TOTAL:			\$35.36	

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 which reference "Motion for Justice" or "Vera Institute of Justice."

Search From/to Deborah Gonzalez or From/To Jennie De la Vega
January 1, 2021 – Present
"Motion for justice" or "VERA Institute of Justice"

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 plrrecovery@gmail.com.

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

This did not produce any messages. I reviewed and I think you have the email address spelled wrong so I have asked for another search to be run and will update this response once that is complete. To include now To/from plrecovery@gmail.com and To/from Shane Sims shane.plrecovery@gmail.com My IT contact is out until 4/11.

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: 647 messages Record Search 2: 0 messages ** <i>Being re-run</i>
District Attorney’s Office	\$17.00	5.29 hours	\$91.63	Search and Review of all potentially responsive records: documents, messages, etc. @647 messages + what turns up on the re-run.
TOTAL:			\$91.63	

Cost of 2 ORRs:

Request 1	\$ 35.36
Request 2	\$ 91.63
Total	\$ 126.99

** 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,

Deborah Gonzalez

District Attorney, Western Judicial Circuit