



Judicial Watch

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VIA FACSIMILE (713-865-4135) AND E-MAIL
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June 23, 2006

Ms. Wendy Hall
Public Information Officer
CITY OF HOUSTON
601 Sawyer, Suite 400
Houston, TX 77007

Re: Texas Public Information Act Request

Dear Ms. Hall:

Judicial Watch, Inc. hereby requests that the City of Houston ("City") produce the following public records pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Public Information Act, Texas Gov't Code § 552:

1. All records that refer or relate to each authorization by the City for use of any taxpayer resources (*e.g.*, federal, state, and/or local taxpayer funds) for any day laborer site in the City, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. All records showing the date and/or amount of any authorization by the City of any taxpayer resources for any day laborer site in the City;
 - b. All records identifying the person or persons who, on behalf of the City, made or participated in making any authorization of any taxpayer resources for any day laborer site in the City;
 - c. All correspondence or other records reflecting communications between any officers, elected officials, employees, agents and/or representatives of the City

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concerning any authorization by the City of any taxpayer resources for any day laborer site in the City.

The scope of this request is for records from January 1, 2004 to present.

Please produce the requested record(s) to us at our Washington, DC office, located at 501 School Street, S.W., Suite 500, Washington, DC 20024, within ten (10) business days of your receipt of this request. If the requested record(s) cannot be produced within ten (10) business days, please notify us in writing of a reasonable date and time when the requested record(s) will be available pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 552.221(d).

We also hereby request a waiver of any and all charges associated with the identification and duplication of the requested records pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 552.267. Judicial Watch, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) educational organization that seeks to increase public understanding of the operations of government, as well as the importance of ethics and the rule of law. Judicial Watch, Inc. regularly requests information from public agencies about their operations and activities and disseminates this information to the public via its website, monthly newsletter, and other channels. We note that funding of day labor sites is an increasingly important public policy matter. See Alexis Grant, Matt Stiles, "Council Delays Day-Labor Contract; Mayor Defends Funding A Center For Workers After Some Complain Deal Is Illegal," *The Houston Chronicle*, May 25, 2006, at B1; see also "Houston Needs To Stop Being a 'Sanctuary City': What We Can Do To Help Enforce Immigration Laws," By Houston City Council Member Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, *The Houston Chronicle*, June 9, 2005.

In the event that our request for a waiver of charges is denied, please provide us with an itemized estimate of anticipated charges for responding to this request pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 552.2615 before any charges are incurred or assessed.

If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification of this request, or any portion thereof, please contact us at (202) 646-5172. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.


Paul J. Orfanedes