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June 21, 2006

Public Affairs Division
HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1200 Travis
Houston, TX

Re: Texas Public Information Act Request

Dear Sir/Madam:

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

1. HDP policies, practices, or procedures (including but not limited to HPD General Order 500-5) concerning or relating to contact between HPD officers and known or suspected undocumented aliens.
2. HPD polices, practices, or procedures concerning or relating to contact between HPD officers and federal immigration officials.
3. Instruction or training provided to HPD officers concerning or relating to contact between HPD officers and known or suspected undocumented aliens.
4. Instruction or training provided to HPD officers concerning or relating to contact between HPD officer and federal immigration officials
5. Enforcement of HPD policies, practices, or procedures (including but not limited to HPD General Order 500-5) concerning or relating to contact between HPD officers and known or suspected

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undocumented aliens (including any punishment of or disciplinary action taken against HDP officers for violating such policies, practices, or procedures).

6. Enforcement of HPD polices, practices, or procedures concerning or relating to contact between HPD officers and federal immigration officials (including any punishment of or disciplinary action taken against HPD officers for violating such policies, practices, or procedures).

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).

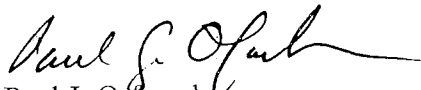
We also hereby request a waiver of any and all charges associated with the identification and duplication of the requested records pursuant to Texas Gov't Code § 552.267. Judicial Watch, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) educational organization that seeks to increase public understanding of 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 "sanctuary" policies such as HPD General Order 500-5 are becoming an increasingly important public policy matter. *See* Judy Keen, "Big cities balk over illegal migrants," *USA Today*, June 20, 2006, at A1; *see also* "City policy protecting immigrants under fire," *The Houston Chronicle*, July 23, 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