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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Lt. Luis Martinez
Laredo Police Department
4712 Maher Avenue
Laredo, Texas 78041

OR2019-01068

Dear Lt. Martinez:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 753269 (ORR# W011019).

The City of Laredo (the "city") received a request for all reports pertaining to a specified address during a specified time period. The city states it is releasing some of the requested information. The city claims some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception the city claims and reviewed the submitted information.

The city states some of the submitted information identifies complainants who reported violations of city ordinances to the city's Animal Care Services Department and the city's police department. The city explains these departments are responsible for enforcing the relevant portions of the city ordinance. The city also states violations of the relevant city ordinances carry civil or criminal penalties. Based upon these representations and our review, we conclude the city has demonstrated the applicability of the common-law informer's privilege to the information at issue. Therefore, the city may withhold the identities of the complainants, including the information it marked, under section 552.101 of the Government Code in conjunction with the common-law informer's privilege. The city must release the remaining information.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)