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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Mr. Christopher K. Austria
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OR2019-24617

Dear Mr. Austria:

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# 783863 (PIR No. W086541).

The City of Fort Worth (the "city") received a request for information pertaining to a particular scan for e-mails. You state the city will release a portion of the responsive information. We understand the city has redacted certain e-mail addresses pursuant to Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009).¹ Although the city takes no position as to the disclosure of the submitted information, we understand release of this information may implicate the privacy interests of individuals. Accordingly, you state you have notified the individuals of the request and of the opportunity to submit comments to this office as to why his or her information should not be released to the requestor. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released). We have reviewed the submitted information.

As of the date of this letter, we have not received comments from any individual explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released to the requestor. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the city must release the submitted information.

¹We note Open Records Decision No. 684 is a previous determination to all governmental bodies authorizing them to withhold certain information, including an e-mail address of a member of the public under section 552.137 of the Government Code, without the necessity of requesting an attorney general decision.

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 <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open-government/members-public/what-expect-after-ruling-issued> or call the OAG's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Public Information Act may be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the OAG, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)