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Ms. Bhavani Madiseti-Vemireddy
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OR2019-34595

Dear Ms. Madiseti-Vemireddy:

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# 800823 (ORR# 2019-501-PIA).

The Williamson County (the "county") received a request for information regarding a specified animal adopted from the county's animal shelter and a specified manual. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.103 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information. We have also received and considered comments from the requestor. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (interested party may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released).

You state the information at issue was the subject of previous requests for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter Nos. 2019-07405 (2019), 2019-17894 (2019), and 2019-26058 (2019). You state the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior rulings were based have not changed. Accordingly, the county may continue to rely on Open Records Letter Nos. 2019-07405, 2019-17894 and 2019-26058 as previous determinations and withhold the submitted information in accordance with those rulings.¹ *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 at 6-7 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and

¹ As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining arguments against disclosure of this information.

circumstances on which prior ruling was based have not changed, first type of previous determination exists where requested information is precisely same information as was addressed in prior attorney general ruling, ruling is addressed to same governmental body, and ruling concludes information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

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)