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Ms. Nneka Kanu
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OR2020-04587

Dear Ms. Kanu:

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# 812399 (Ref. No. 26352).

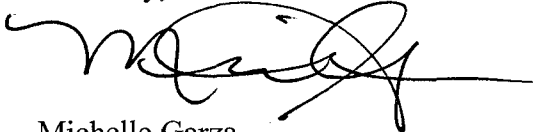
The City of Houston (the "city") received a request for specified e-mail communications and attachments. You state you will release some information to the requestor. Although you take no position as to whether the submitted information is excepted under the Act, you state release of the submitted information may implicate the interests of the United States Department of Homeland Security (the "department"). Accordingly, you state, and provide documentation showing, you notified the department of the request for information and of its right to submit arguments to this office as to why the submitted information should not be released. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304 (providing 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 the department explaining why any portion of the submitted information should not be released to the requestor. Thus, the city may not withhold the submitted information based on any interest the department may have in the information. As no exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the city must release the submitted 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 <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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Garza', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michelle Garza
Attorney
Open Records Division

MRG/rm

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)