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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Mr. Fernando C. Gomez
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The Texas State University System
601 Colorado Street
Austin, Texas 78701-2904

OR2020-24286

Re: Request for information pertaining to discussions regarding budget concerns in the athletic department.

Dear Mr. Gomez:

The Office of the Attorney General has received your request for a ruling and assigned your request ID# 847912 (File No. 20200615-002).

After reviewing your arguments and the submitted information, we have determined your request does not present a novel or complex issue. Thus, we are addressing your claims in a memorandum opinion.¹ You state you released some information to the requestors. You claim the submitted representative sample of information may be withheld from the requestor pursuant to section 552.111 of the Government Code.² Upon review of your arguments and the information, we conclude you may withhold the submitted information under section 552.111.

For more information on the cited exception, please refer to the open government information on our website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open->

¹ You state the university sought and received clarification of the information requested. *See* Gov't Code § 552.222 (providing if request for information is unclear, governmental body may ask requestor to clarify request); *see also* *City of Dallas v. Abbott*, 304 S.W.3d 380, 387 (Tex. 2010) (holding that when a governmental entity, acting in good faith, requests clarification or narrowing of an unclear or overbroad request for information, the ten-day period to request an attorney general ruling is measured from the date the request is clarified or narrowed).

² We assume the representative sample of records submitted to this office is truly representative of the requested records as a whole. *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 499 (1988), 497 (1988). This open records letter does not reach, and therefore does not authorize the withholding of, any other requested records to the extent those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

[government/governmental-bodies/open-records-memorandum-rulings.](#) You may also contact our Open Government Hotline at 1-877-OPENTEX.

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)