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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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Ms. Karen Horner
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City of Friendswood
910 South Friendswood Drive
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OR2022-14558

Dear Ms. Horner:

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# 948803 (ORR# W014728).

The City of Friendswood (the "city") received a request for information pertaining to a named individual and a specified investigation. The city claims the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.103, 552.108, and 552.1085 of the Government Code. We have considered the claimed exceptions and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹

The city informs us the submitted information was the subject of a previous request for information, in response to which this office issued Open Records Letter No. 2022-08898 (2022). We have no indication the law, facts, or circumstances on which the prior ruling was based have changed. Accordingly, the city must rely on Open Records Letter No. 2022-08898 as a previous determination and withhold the submitted information in accordance with that ruling. *See* Open Records Decision No. 673 (2001) (so long as law, facts, and 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 that information is or is not excepted from disclosure).

¹ 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.

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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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)