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OR2022-30541

Dear Ms. Schloss:

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# 972770 (GLO ID# 22-0828).

The Texas General Land Office (the "GLO") received a request for the addresses of certain homes within a particular city. You state the GLO has released some of the requested information. You claim some of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.160 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted representative sample of information.¹

Initially, you indicate portions of the submitted information, which you have marked, are not responsive to the present request. This ruling does not address the public availability of the non-responsive information, and the GLO need not release it in response to this request.

Section 552.160 of the Government Code provides, in relevant part:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the following information maintained by a governmental body is confidential:

(1) the name, social security number, house number, street name, and telephone number of an individual or household that applies for state or federal disaster recovery funds;

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 that those records contain substantially different types of information than that submitted to this office.

(2) the name, tax identification number, address, and telephone number of a business entity or an owner of a business entity that applies for state or federal disaster recovery funds; [and]

(3) any other information the disclosure of which would identify or tend to identify a person or household that applies for state or federal disaster recovery funds.

(c) The street name and census block group of and the amount of disaster recovery funds awarded to a person or household are not confidential after the date on which disaster recovery funds are awarded to the person or household.

Gov't Code § 552.160(b)(1)-(3), (c); *see also id.* § 552.160(a); *id.* § 418.004(1) (defining “disaster” for purposes of section 552.160). You state the responsive information contains information concerning individuals who applied for disaster recovery assistance. We understand the individuals at issue have been awarded funds at this time. *See id.* § 552.160(c). Based on your representations and our review, we find section 552.160 is applicable to the information at issue. Accordingly, the GLO must withhold the information you marked under section 552.160 of the Government Code. The GLO must release the remaining responsive 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,

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c: Requestor