



OFFICE OF MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON
CITY OF CHICAGO

January 24, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC CORRESPONDENCE

Jimmy Tobias
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RE: Notice of Response to FOIA Request
FOIA File No.: F064848

Dear Jimmy Tobias,

On behalf of the City of Chicago Office of the Mayor, I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act request received by this department on January 11, 2024, requesting:

*Any and all official work itineraries, calendars or schedules for mayoral aide Jason Lee.
This request seeks records produced since November 1, 2023.*

As permitted by Section 5 ILCS 140/3(e) of the Act, the time was extended to conduct a thorough search for these records. Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. A search of the Mayor's Office records was conducted based on the parameters provided. Information responsive to your request is available and attached for the timeframe of November 1, 2023, through January 10, 2024.

Please be advised that certain information has been redacted from the enclosed responsive records pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) and 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). Details of the redactions are set forth below:

Section 7(1)(b) exempts from disclosure "[p]rivate information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or a court order." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b). The FOIA, in 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5), defines "private information" as follows:

"Private information" means unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person."

Therefore, redacted information includes personal telephone numbers and unique meeting identifiers and call-in phone numbers. Such information is exempt and was properly redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b).

Moreover, please be advised that certain material was redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) of FOIA. Section 7(1)(c) exempts from inspection and copying the following:

“[P]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy... ‘Unwarranted invasion of personal privacy’ means the disclosure of information is that highly personal or objectionable to reasonable person and in which the subject’s right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information.” *Id.*

We have redacted names of individuals interviewed for vacant positions, as well as the locations of personal events under Section 7(1)(c). The release of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy because it would be highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person. Thus, the subject's right of privacy outweighs the public interest in the information, and the Mayor's Office has properly redacted the information under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

You have the right to a review under 5 ILCS 140-9.5(a) by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 South 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, Phone: (877)299-3642, Fax: (217)782-1396, E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

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FOIA Officer