



CITY OF CHICAGO



November 18, 2022

Jason Koebler
263 Huntington Ave
Boston MA 02115

RE: PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST of November 18, 2022., Reference # F034140-111822.

Dear Jason Koebler,

This correspondence is in response to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received by the City of Chicago Office of the City Clerk on November 18, 2022. You requested:

"I hereby request the following records: 1) All instructional materials, presentations and presentation materials related to Taylor Swift concerts. This includes A) any notes taken during meetings that discussed Taylor Swift and B) Any other documents related to Taylor Swift including internal documentation, public relations materials, and executive summaries. 2) All "bid books" or functionally equivalent documents provided to or from the stadium/stadium authority for the purposes of soliciting bids for Taylor Swift concerts. 3) Any seating charts, "ticket holds," ticket allocation information, sales plans, or other ticket sales/distribution plans relating to Taylor Swift 4) Any contracts, presentations, instructional materials, budgets, proposals, or non-disclosure agreements between this office/department/the city and any of: Ticketmaster, Live Nation, and/or Live Nation Entertainment 5) Any contracts, presentations, instructional materials, budgets, proposals, or non-disclosure agreements between this office/the city and any of: Taylor Swift Touring, Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG), and/or the Messina Group or Messina Touring Group. 6) Any emails and associated attachments to/from/mentioning "Taylor Swift Touring," "MTG," and "Messina Touring Group" sent between August 1, 2022 and the time this request is processed. 6) Any emails and associated attachments to/from email addresses that include "@livenation.com" or "@ticketmaster.com" sent between August 1, 2022 and the time this request is processed. The included emails can be further limited to include the words "Taylor" "Swift" and "Taylor Swift" 7) Any emails and associated attachments to/from email addresses that include "@messinagroupinc.com" or "@themessinagroup.com" sent between August 1, 2022 and the time this request is processed. Please try to include any other miscellaneous documents that facilitate ticketing related to Taylor Swift that don't neatly fall neatly into the above categories. The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. It will be used in the course of reporting for Motherboard, VICE's science and tech site (www.motherboard.vice.com)."

The Office of the City Clerk has no responsive documents to your request.

Please note that each City department is a separate “public body” under Section 2 of FOIA. 5 ILCS 140/2(a); Duncan Publishing, Inc. v. City of Chicago, 304 Ill. App. 3d 778, 784 (1st Dist. 1999) (“Clearly, each of the individual departments are subsidiary bodies of the City and are ‘public bodies’ as defined by the FOIA.”). A FOIA request must be directed to the Department that maintains the records you seek.

You have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You may also seek judicial review of a denial under 5 ILCS 140/11 of FOIA.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my office at clerkfoia@cityofchicago.org.

Sincerely,

Steven Peacock
Senior Labor Relations Specialist/FOIA Officer
Office of the City Clerk