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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Please acknowledge receipt of this request by e-mailing me at ken@theaustinbulldog.org.

Pursuant to the Texas Public Information Act (TPIA), Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, which guarantees the public's access to information in the custody of government agencies, I respectfully request that you promptly provide me with copies of the following records, either electronically via pdf e-mailed to me at ken@theaustinbulldog.org or on paper:

1. Records of any meeting that you attended with any council member(s) (or the Mayor), from January 1, 2010 to the date of this request. In this request, "meeting" means any occasion in which conversation about official City business occurred, but does not include any publicly posted City Council meeting or publicly posted committee or commission meeting. The requested records include:
 - a. Any paper or electronic calendar showing the date and time of each such meeting;
 - b. Agendas, minutes, memoranda, notes, recordings, or any other record about what was discussed during each meeting.
2. E-mails, letters, memoranda, notes, or other forms of written communication from you to (or copied to, or blind copied to) any council member(s) or the Mayor or the City Manager from January 1, 2010 to the date of this request. This request includes all such written communication regardless of whether other persons also were sent the communication. If any e-mails within the scope of this request were initially deleted, then this request applies to any backup copy of such e-mail(s) that are subject to retention under Texas Government Code Chapter 441 or Local Government Code, Title 6, Subtitle C.
3. Certificates of course completions or other records documenting that you have taken training as required by Section 551.005 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
4. Records reflecting any discussion or decision about whether the City of Austin should join in the federal lawsuit, *Asgeirsson, et al. v. Abbott, et al.*, or *City of Alpine v. Wilson* or any similar lawsuit filed on behalf of the elected officials of some cities to challenge the validity of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

If you need clarification of this request, please e-mail me at ken@theaustinbulldog.org.

If you believe that any of the above requested information is not subject to disclosure, please e-mail me at ken@theaustinbulldog.org or call me at 512-474-1022 so that we may avoid the City of Austin having to request an open records opinion or ruling from the Attorney General.

I agree to pay the reasonable cost of providing this public information as provided by the TPIA. However, considering that this information is requested by a member of the news media and disclosure of this

information is in the public interest because information primarily benefits the general public, I therefore request a waiver of all fees and charges pursuant to Section 552.267 of the Texas Public Information Act.

Please contact me at 512-474-1022 or e-mail me at ken@theaustinbulldog.org when this information is being delivered via e-mail or paper copies are ready to be picked up.

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