

Subject: ~~Re: PUBLIC Information Request - PIR # 872479~~

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Dear Eloy Del Bosque,

Thanks for your e-mail, but I must ask: How on earth does a personal e-mail to Karen Kennard, with questions, get transformed by the magic of obfuscation into a Public Information Request under the Texas Public Information Act?

I e-mailed Kennard directly, as a courtesy, as a journalist asking a public official responsible for filing a sworn statement that the facts contained in her Statement of Financial Information is true to the best of her knowledge and belief and fully shows all the information required to be reported pursuant to Section 2-7-72 of the City Code for the reporting period indicated.

When two days had passed and I had received no response, I forwarded the same e-mail to Interim City Attorney Anne Morgan and asked her to contact Kennard.

It's a given that no public official has to talk to a journalist. But the responses to a journalist's questions are generally either "no comment." Or no response at all.

If I wanted my communication to Kennard to be turned into a Public Information Request, then I would certainly have labeled it as such and would not have asked for a comment but for public records.

Of all the lame responses I have received from the Law Department, this has to rank among the worst of the worst.

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On Jun 11, 2015, at 6:03 PM, Del Bosque, Eloy <[eloy.delbosque@austintexas.gov](mailto:eloy.delbosque@austintexas.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Martin,

Thank you for contacting the City of Austin.

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If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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