



December 10, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Open Records Custodian
Office of the Secretary of State
214 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334
openrecords@sos.ga.gov

Re: Open Records Request

Pursuant to the Georgia Open Records Law (O.C.G.A. §§ 50-18-70 et seq.), American Oversight and All Voting is Local Georgia (together, Requesters) make the following request for records.

Requested Records

Requesters ask that Office of the Secretary of State produce the following within three business days, or provide a written description of any responsive records with a timetable for their production within three business days:

All email communications (including emails, email attachments, calendar invitations, or attachments thereto) between (a) any of the Office of the Secretary of State staff listed in Column A, and (b) any of the Georgia General Assembly members listed in Column B:

Column A: Secretary of State Officials	Column B: Georgia General Assembly Members
a. Brad Raffensperger, Secretary of State (brad@sos.ga.gov)	i. Sen. Steve Gooch (steve.gooch@senate.ga.gov)
b. Anyone serving as Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Raffensperger	ii. Legislative Assistant Gracie Boortz (gracie.boortz@senate.ga.gov)
c. Jordan Fuchs, Deputy Secretary of State (jfuchs@sos.ga.gov , jordyfuchs212@gmail.com)	iii. Sen. John Kennedy (john.kennedy@senate.ga.gov)
d. Ryan Germany, General Counsel (rgermany@sos.ga.gov)	iv. Legislative Assistant Ali Farmer (ali.farmer@senate.ga.gov)
e. Chris Harvey, Elections Director (wharvey@sos.ga.gov)	v. Sen. Mike Dugan (mike.dugan@senate.ga.gov)
	vi. Chief of Staff Ethan Stiles (ethan.stiles@senate.ga.gov)
	vii. Sen. Burt Jones (burt.jones@senate.ga.gov)



<p>f. Gabriel Sterling, Voting System Implementation Manager (sterlinginnovative@gmail.com, gsterling@sos.ga.gov)</p>	<p>viii. Legislative Assistant Denese Sampson (denese.sampson@senate.ga.gov)</p> <p>ix. Sen. Jeff Mullis (jeff.mullis@senate.ga.gov)</p> <p>x. Legislative Assistant Ally Konishi (ally.konishi@senate.ga.gov)</p> <p>xi. Sen. Kay Kirkpatrick (kay.kirkpatrick@senate.ga.gov)</p> <p>xii. Legislative Assistant Megan Mowers (megan.mowers@senate.ga.gov)</p> <p>xiii. Speaker of the House David Ralston (david.ralston@house.ga.gov)</p> <p>xiv. Chief of Staff Spiro Amburn (spiro.amburn@house.ga.gov)</p> <p>xv. Rep. Shaw Blackmon (shaw.blackmon@house.ga.gov)</p>
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Please provide all responsive records from November 1, 2020, to the date your office receives this request.

Please notify Requesters of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of \$100 prior to incurring such costs or fees.

Requesters insist that Office of the Secretary of State use the most up-to-date technologies to search for responsive information and take steps to ensure that the most complete repositories of information are searched. Requesters are available to work with you to craft appropriate search terms. **However, custodian searches are still required; your office may not have direct access to files stored in .PST files, outside of network drives, in paper format, or in personal email accounts.**

In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If it is your position that a document contains non-exempt segments, but that those non-exempt segments are so dispersed throughout the document as to make segregation impossible, please state what portion of the document is non-exempt, and how the material is dispersed throughout the document. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically that it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.

Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by your office before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

To ensure that this request is properly construed, that searches are conducted in an adequate but efficient manner, and that extraneous costs are not incurred, Requesters welcome an opportunity to discuss its request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, Requesters and your office can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in electronic format by email or in PDF or TIF format on a USB drive. Please send any responsive material being sent by mail to American Oversight, 1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255, Washington, DC 20005. If it will accelerate release of responsive records, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

Conclusion

If you have any questions regarding how to construe this request for records or believe that further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to Requesters, please do not hesitate to contact American Oversight to discuss this request. Requesters welcome an opportunity to discuss their request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, Requesters and your office can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. American Oversight looks forward to working with you on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, have any questions, or foresee any problems in fully releasing the requested records, please contact Khahilia Shaw at records@americanoversight.org or 202.539.6507.

Sincerely,



Austin R. Evers
Executive Director
American Oversight



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Georgia State Director, All Voting is Local
The Leadership Conference Education Fund
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights