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VIA FACSIMILE [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Sharkansky:

On September 30, 2005, King County Records Elections and Licensing Services Division received a public records request from you. This letter is intended to acknowledge receipt of that request and the expected timeframe for which we estimate that information will be available.

The Washington Public Disclosure Act requires agencies to "promptly" make public records available for inspection or copying upon request. However, the act also directs agencies to respond to requests in such a way as to "prevent excessive interference with other essential functions of the agency." RCW 42.17.290. The Elections Division is acting reasonably expeditiously in responding to your request in light of the Elections Division's essential function to conduct and then certify the 2005 General Election. Along with your other public records requests, the Elections Division will devote time and resources to your request in order to fully respond to the request as soon as reasonably possible.

In your email, dated September 30, 2005, you make three requests.

- 1) A database file that includes the current voter registration database AND records of all DIMS transactions on voter registration, absentee ballot and provisional ballot records since the conversion of the voter registration system to DIMS in mid 2004, with enough detail to determine:
 - * the time and date of the transaction
 - * the individual who performed the transaction
 - * the substance of the transaction
 - * the voter, absentee ballot and/or provisional ballot record(s) affected by the transaction

2) Print outs of DIMS screen shots showing the complete voter registration record and transaction logs on the voter registration, absentee ballot and/or provisional ballot records for the voters identified in the attached spreadsheet

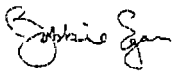
3) An opportunity to sit with a member of the Elections technical staff and examine in real-time the DIMS voter registration, absentee ballot and provisional ballot records and the transaction logs for the voters identified in the attached spreadsheet.

In your first request you ask for all voter registration records, transaction logs, and any associated absentee ballot or provisional ballot records. By our estimate this request consists of more than 1.1 million individual records and requires staff to review and redact private information such as social security information, phone numbers, and dates of birth from hundreds of additional tables. Considering the upcoming General Election, we will begin work on this request after certification of the General Election on December 1, 2005 and expect to it will take us at least four weeks after certification and possibly more to respond to this request. We will keep you updated on our progress and make responsive documents available to you as soon as reasonably possible.

In your second request you ask for DIMS screen shots showing complete voter registration records and transaction logs of 89 (increased to 123 in your email to Sandeep Kaushik on Monday, Oct.3) voter registration records including absentee ballot and/or provisional ballot records for the voters identified in the attached spreadsheet. We estimate this request could take up to one week to complete which will include redaction of private information. In light of the current election, we will begin work on this request after certification of the General Election on December 1, 2005 and expect to have this available for purchase on CD by December 9, 2005.

The Public Disclosure Act requires agencies to respond to requests for identifiable public records. Your third request as listed above is not a request for identifiable public records and we are therefore denying the request.

Regards,



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