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Dear Mr. Wieneskie:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID#100186.

The City of Richland Hills (the "city"), which you represent, received a request for any letters from the city attorney regarding "property ownership requirement for eligibility for P & Z membership." You claim that the requested information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101, 552.107, and 552.111 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claimed and have reviewed the document at issue.

Section 552.107(1) excepts information that an attorney cannot disclose because of a duty to his client. In Open Records Decision No. 574 (1990), this office concluded that section 552.107 excepts from public disclosure only "privileged information," that is, information that reflects either confidential communications from the client to the attorney or the attorney's legal advice or opinions; it does not apply to all client information held by a governmental body's attorney. Open Records Decision No 574 (1990) at 5. We have reviewed the requested document and conclude that it contains privileged information and may be withheld from disclosure under section 552.107(1).<sup>1</sup>

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue

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<sup>1</sup> As we conclude that you may withhold the requested document under section 552.107(1), we need not address your claimed exceptions under sections 552.101 and 552.111.

under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,



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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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