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Ms. Karina Cardoza
Director
Public Affairs Division
Hidalgo County
2818 South Business Highway 281
Edinburg, Texas 78539

OR2011-15066

Dear Ms. Cardoza:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 433655 (PIR# 2011-166).

The County of Hidalgo (the "county") received a request for (1) all Precinct 1 employees' current salaries, level of education, titles, and if supervisors, the number of individuals under the employee's supervision, (2) the names of administrative employees and their positions, (3) a list of employees that have been promoted since a named individual took the oath of office, and (4) the present position and last pay raise that each employee received. You state the county has provided all the responsive information to the requestor, with the exception of the employees' level of education. You claim a portion of the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.102 of the Government Code.

We note the only remaining information that is responsive to the present request is the level of education of Precinct 1 employees. Accordingly, only the level of education in the submitted application is responsive to the request. The remaining information contained in the submitted application for employment is not responsive to the present request. You state the county seeks to withhold the information in the submitted employment application other than the "level of education" of each Precinct 1 employee. Therefore, we understand the county does not seek to withhold any information that is responsive to this request.

Generally, the Act authorizes the Office of the Attorney General to render decisions and opinions in two situations. The first occurs when a governmental body receives a written request for information from an individual or entity acting as a member of the public and requests a ruling from this office because the governmental body wishes to withhold responsive information in accordance with one of the Act's exceptions to disclosure. *See* Gov't Code §§ 552.301, .306. The second situation occurs when this office issues "materials, including detailed and comprehensive written decisions and opinions, that relate to or are based on [the Act]" in order to "maintain uniformity in the application, operation, and interpretation of [the Act.]" *Id.* § 552.011.

In this instance, we understand the county does not seek to withhold any of the responsive information. We therefore will consider this matter closed. If you have any questions with regard to this letter, please refer to ID# 433655.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirsten Brew".

Kirsten Brew
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Ref: ID# 433655

Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)