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Dear Mr. Garcia:

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# 630676.

The United Independent School District (the "district"), which you represent, received a request for any complaint to the State Bar of Texas (the "state bar") regarding a named individual. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.101 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note the information we have marked is not responsive to the instant request because it does not consist of a complaint to the state bar. This ruling does not address the public availability of non-responsive information, and the district is not required to release non-responsive information in response to this request.

Section 552.101 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure "information considered to be confidential by law, either constitutional, statutory, or by judicial decision," and encompasses information made confidential by other statutes. Gov't Code § 552.101. You contend the responsive information consists of records pertaining to the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Section 81.033(a) of the Government Code provides that records of the state bar pertaining to grievances that are confidential under the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and records pertaining to the Texas Board of Legal Specialization are not subject

to the Act. *See id.* § 81.033(a). We note that section 81.033(a) applies to records of the state bar. *Id.* § 81.033(a). The information at issue consists of records of the district. We find that section 81.033(a) is not applicable to the information at issue in the hands of the district. We therefore determine the responsive information is not confidential pursuant to section 81.033(a) of the Government Code and may not be withheld under section 552.101 of the Government Code on that basis. As no further exceptions to disclosure have been raised, the district must release the responsive information.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at [http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl\\_ruling\\_info.shtml](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml), or call the Office of the Attorney General's Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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