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April 26, 2010

Bradley J. Jensen
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RE: California Public Records Request – Animal Services General Manager Search

Dear Mr. Jensen:

This letter is in response to your California Public Records Act (CPRA) request received April 13, 2010 to the City of Los Angeles Personnel Department seeking documents related to the search for the new General Manager of the Animal Services Department.

The Department is cognizant of its responsibilities under the CPRA and recognizes that the statutory scheme was enacted to maximize citizen access to the workings of government. However, the CPRA does not mandate disclosure of all documents in the government's possession. Instead, by providing specific exemptions to disclosure, the CPRA recognizes that the public's right to access must be balanced against such important considerations as the right of privacy under the California Constitution and laws relating to privilege.

Listed below are our responses to each request, including any applicable exemptions:

Request 1: The names (first and last) of all applicants for this position.

Response 1: The names of all candidates applying for a position with the City of Los Angeles are exempt from release under the protections granted in Government Code section 6255 because the public interest in releasing these records is clearly outweighed by the public interest in withholding these records. The responsive documents are therefore exempt from release under the California Public Records Act.

Request 2: The names (first and last) of all applicants interviewed only one time.

Response 2: The names of all candidates applying for a position with the City of Los Angeles are exempt from release under the protections granted in Government Code section 6255 because the public interest in releasing these records is clearly outweighed by the public interest in withholding these records. The responsive documents are therefore exempt from release under the California Public Records Act.

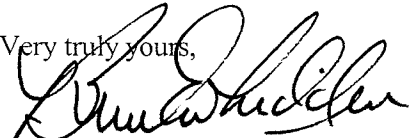
Request 3: The names (first and last) of all applicants interviewed and/or selected to be interviewed a second time.

Response 3: The names of all candidates applying for a position with the City of Los Angeles are exempt from release under the protections granted in Government Code section 6255 because the public interest in releasing these records is clearly outweighed by the public interest in withholding these records. The responsive documents are therefore exempt from release under the California Public Records Act.

Request 4 For each applicant interviewed only one time, the names (first and last) and all questions asked each interviewed applicant

Response 4: The names of all candidates applying for a position with the City of Los Angeles are exempt from release under the protections granted in Government Code section 6255. Further, questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer an examination or interview for employment are likewise exempt under Government Code section 6254(g) and 6255 because the public interest in releasing these records is clearly outweighed by the public interest in withholding these records.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 213-473-9080.

Very truly yours,


Bruce E. Whidden
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