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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

September 8, 2016

Ms. Jo Anne Bernal  
County Attorney  
El Paso County Attorney's Office  
500 East San Antonio  
El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Ms. Bernal:

The Office of the Attorney General (the "OAG") has received a complaint from Martin Paredes alleging the El Paso County Attorney's Office has failed to respond appropriately to a request for information. The complaint was assigned ID# 632618.

The Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code, requires a governmental body to release requested public information that it collects, assembles, maintains, or has right of access to, or to request a ruling from this office as to the applicability of exceptions to the Act. Our records do not indicate a request for an attorney general's decision has been made in accordance with section 552.301 of the Act.

The OAG has civil enforcement authority under the Act. Although our office takes that responsibility seriously, we prefer to work with the parties to try and resolve complaints informally if at all possible. The easiest way to resolve this open records complaint is to release the information that was requested, provided the requested information is not confidential by law.

Please contact the Education and Enforcement Section of the Open Records Division within ten business days at (877) 673-6839 or at (512) 936-6736 to discuss the resolution of this situation. If the requested information has been or will be released to the requestor, please so indicate by completing the top portion of the attached certification form. In the alternative, if you have no information responsive to the request, please so indicate by completing the second portion of the attached form. Similarly, if you believe that responsive information is excepted from disclosure and have requested or will request an attorney

general's decision, please indicate that on the attached form. The form may be sent by facsimile to the Education and Enforcement Section at (512) 481-1992.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Education and Enforcement Section  
Open Records Division

Enclosure

c: Mr. Martin Paredes  
El Paso Times  
1000 East Robinson Street, Suite 1  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
(w/o enclosure)