

R005808-100720 - Public Information Request

Message History (3)

✉ On 10/14/2020 1:23:26 PM, TEXAS AG Public Information wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Public Information Request :: R005808-100720

Body: October 14, 2020

Mr. Austin Evers
American Oversight
foia@americanoversight.org
VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Re: Public Information Request No. R005808

Dear Mr. Evers:

This e-mail is in response to your public information request to the Office of the Attorney General (“OAG”), received by the OAG on October 6, 2020.

The OAG has reviewed its files and has located the attached document that is responsive to your request. Although the Public Information Act allows a governmental body to charge for copying documents, the attached document is being provided to you at no charge.

If you have any questions, please contact me at publicrecords@oag.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

Marisol Bernal-Leon
Public Information Coordinator’s Office
Office of the Attorney General

Wicker, Drew

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 11:29 AM
To: Wicker, Drew
Subject: Details for WH 9/23 mtg 2:00 EST

Date: [Wednesday, September 25](#)

Time: [3:00 – 4:00 PM Eastern](#) (note time is subject to change)

Where: The White House

Staff: At this time, we are unable to accommodate additional staff.

COVID-19: Please note that attendees will be tested for COVID-19 prior to participation. To accommodate testing, you should plan on arrival [around 1:00 p.m. Eastern](#).

Background: In May, President Trump signed Executive Order (EO) 13925—the first ever EO specifically directed at combatting online platforms censoring lawful speech on the basis of political viewpoint. The EO recognized that “[o]nline platforms are engaging in selective censorship that is harming our national discourse” and called on the federal government to take steps to “foster and protect diverse viewpoints in today’s digital communications environment where all Americans can and should have a voice.”

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Senior Counsel to the Attorney General
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From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 12:36 PM
To: Wicker, Drew
Subject: Re: Details for WH 9/23 mtg

Subject line says 2:00 EST but note it is now 3:00 EST (as the body of the email says)

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On Sep 18, 2020, at 11:30 AM, Wicker, Drew <Drew.Wicker@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

Awesome. Thank you!

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From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 3:37 PM
To: Wicker, Drew
Subject: More on WH mtg/RSVP

Event Information

Date: [Wednesday, September 23](#)

Time: [3:00 – 4:00 PM Eastern](#) (note time is subject to change) ***please arrive no later than [1:00 p.m. eastern](#) to accommodate COVID-19 testing; only Attorneys General will be tested; more information below***

Location: The White House (Cabinet Room)

Arrival/Parking: Attendees will arrive at the 17th and State Place entrance (see [map](#)). We are unable to accommodate parking on the White House campus.

Staff: We are unable to accommodate additional staff for the roundtable. If you are traveling with staff, we will have a hold room in the EEOB.

COVID-19: Attorneys General (not staff) will be tested for COVID-19 prior to participation. Testing will be done in the White House Medical Unit in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. Following testing, we have reserved two rooms for AG's and staff – EEOB 180A and EEOB 234. Please note:

- Per CDC guidance, please stay home if you are not feeling well, experiencing COVID-19 symptoms such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, have recently been in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or you have recently tested positive for COVID-19.
- Face coverings are encouraged for attendees, especially in high traffic areas such as the initial security screening. Please bring your own face covering.

Media: Please note that information about this event is embargoed until further notice. In conjunction with the event, we hope that you will amplify your attendance and message via a press release and social media. We also plan to organize regional media interviews prior to the roundtable. If you are not interested in regional media, please let us know.

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RSVP

Attorney General RSVP (roundtable

participation): <https://events.whitehouse.gov/AppointmentRsvpForm?rid=J3PTR8FXRK>

Staff RSVP: <https://events.whitehouse.gov/AppointmentRsvpForm?rid=RPBB4KH3QC>

Zina Bash

Senior Counsel to the Attorney General
Office of the Texas Attorney General

Wicker, Drew

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 6:58 PM
To: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Cc: Hoffman, Peter D. EOP/WHO; Wicker, Drew
Subject: Re: Media Tomorrow

Thanks very much. Peter, do you know who the interviewers will be? Thanks again.

Zina Bash

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On Sep 22, 2020, at 6:12 PM, Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov> wrote:

Zina – we have confirmed the AG for regional media tomorrow. Our team will escort the AG to interviews and communications team will be available for questions or any prep. Likely a question on SCOTUS, so including some background talking points.

The Comms POC is Peter Hoffman (cc'd). His number is: 202-881-9229

1:35: Sinclair
1:45: Scipss/Newsy
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Let us know if any questions/concerns. Look forward to hosting the AG!

William F. Crozer
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Wicker, Drew

From: Bash, Zina
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 7:13 PM
To: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO
Cc: Hoffman, Peter D. EOP/WHO; Wicker, Drew; Garcia, Alejandro
Subject: Re: Media Tomorrow

Also copying my colleague Alejandro Garcia, who now leads our comms shop (Marc Rylander left). Thanks again.

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On Sep 22, 2020, at 6:57 PM, Bash, Zina <Zina.Bash@oag.texas.gov> wrote:

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