

Subject: RE: Public Information Request (TX-SOS-21-1603)
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 2:26:02 PM Pacific Standard Time
From: GeneralCounsel
To: AO Records
CC: GeneralCounsel
Attachments: FW Photos for SOS -- John Scott are ready_Redacted.pdf, Re Congratulations!_Redacted.pdf, Re NASS General Alert New Secretaries of State in Puerto Rico and Texas New NY SOS to be Nominated (1)_Redacted.pdf, Re NASS General Alert New Secretaries of State in Puerto Rico and Texas New NY SOS to be Nominated_Redacted.pdf, Re Welcome from the National Association of Secretaries of State_Redacted.pdf, Tuesday lunch_Redacted.pdf, How to appeal the withholding of information under 552.136.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

Consistent with our November 30 letter, please find the attached documents responsive to Item 1 of your request for information under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.

The responsive documents contain email addresses of the general public. An email address of a member of the public is confidential under section 552.137 of the Texas Government Code. The attorney general authorized all governmental bodies to withhold an email address of a member of the public without first requesting an attorney general opinion in Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009). Thus, this information has been redacted.

The information you requested also contains an access device number that is collected, assembled, or maintained by or for a governmental body. This information is confidential under section 552.136 of the Texas Government Code. Section 552.136 allows us to withhold this specific information without requesting a ruling from the attorney general. You have the right to appeal our decision to withhold this information from you. Instructions for appeal are attached. If you do not want to appeal, you do not need to do anything else.

We appreciate your patience as we continue to process your request in accordance with the terms of the Public Information Act. We require additional time to review our records and produce additional responsive documents. We will provide you any additional responsive documents—to the extent such information is not excepted from disclosure under state or federal law—by 5:00 p.m. on January 10, 2022. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 552.221(d).

Kind regards,

Jennifer Williams
Legal Assistant to the General Counsel
Office of the Texas Secretary of State

How to appeal the withholding of information under Government Code Section 552.136

If you wish to appeal the withholding of information discussed on the previous page, you must send the following to the attorney general:

- 1) a signed, written statement indicating your wish to appeal the withholding of information;
- 2) the name of the governmental body that withheld information from you;
- 3) the date you made your original request for information; and
- 4) a copy of your original request for information, or if you are unable to provide a copy, a description of your original request for information.

You may also submit written comments stating why you think the information should be released to you, but you are not required to do so.

Send your appeal by mail to the attorney general at:

Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Within forty-five business days after receiving all of the above-listed items necessary to file your appeal, the attorney general will issue a written ruling on the matter. You will receive a copy of this ruling in the mail.

From: [John Scott](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Photos for SOS -- John Scott are ready
Date: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:17:52 AM

From: Kim Bergmann <KBergmann@sos.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Sam Taylor <SMTaylor@sos.texas.gov>; Joe Esparza <JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>; John Scott <JScott@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Photos for SOS -- John Scott are ready

[Click link below to view photos from yesterday.](#)

From: Daemmrich Photography <mailer@pixiesetmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Kim Bergmann <KBergmann@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: Photos for SOS -- John Scott are ready

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SOS -- JOHN SCOTT



Kim,

Here's a selection of 28 images from yesterday's photo session with Secretary of State John Scott. Janis and I think there's lots of good ones. (We can reduce the size of the gallery if it's too many to look through)

There's been no adjustments or retouching on these. We can do minor adjustments on the one(s) you pick.

Best Regards, Bob and Janis Daemmrich

[VIEW PHOTOS](#)

If the View Photos button does not work, copy and paste this URL into your browser's address bar:

[REDACTED]

Daemmrich Photography

<http://www.bobphoto.com>

Questions? Contact [REDACTED]

From: [John Scott](#)
To: [Mac Warner](#)
Subject: Re: Congratulations!
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 1:28:28 PM

Mac,

Thank you so much for the well wishes. I am very much looking forward to visiting with you.
Thank you so much again!

John

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From: Mac Warner <MWarner@wvsos.com>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:53:15 AM
To: John Scott <JScott@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: Congratulations!

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John,

Welcome to the SOS team. I was just complimenting Texas minutes ago with my team, and telling them to keep an eye on all that you and Texas do.

I look forward to meeting you and working with you. If there is anything I can do, or anything my staff can do to assist as you settle in, let me know.

Mac Warner
WV SOS
Cell: 304.826.0998
[REDACTED]

From: [John Scott](#)
To: [Reynolds, Leslie](#)
Subject: Re: NASS General Alert: New Secretaries of State in Puerto Rico and Texas. New NY SOS to be Nominated
Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 1:49:28 PM

Leslie,

I am so very sorry about Bart's accident. I will immediately add both you and he to my prayers. Please let me know if there is anything I can ever be of help with.

John

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From: Reynolds, Leslie [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 1:38:50 PM
To: John Scott <JScott@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: Re: NASS General Alert: New Secretaries of State in Puerto Rico and Texas. New NY SOS to be Nominated

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Hi Sec Scott,

Welcome!!! My husband's name is Bart. He fell down the stairs two weeks ago and suffered a severe brain injury. We would be very grateful to be added to your prayer list.

This is a great organization and we are so happy to have you join us! Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you!!

Best,
Leslie

Leslie D. Reynolds
Executive Director
National Association of Secretaries of State
202-624-3525
[REDACTED]

On Nov 5, 2021, at 2:35 PM, John Scott <JScott@sos.texas.gov> wrote:

Leslie,

Thank you so much for a very kind welcoming.

Please let me know if I can ever be of help to you. Please let me know your husband's name so I can add him to my daily prayers.

John

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From: Reynolds, Leslie [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 11:43:59 AM
To: Reynolds, Leslie [REDACTED] >
Cc: Dodd, Stacy <[REDACTED]>; Milhofer, John [REDACTED]>; Maria Benson [REDACTED]; Lindsey Forson [REDACTED] >
Subject: NASS General Alert: New Secretaries of State in Puerto Rico and Texas. New NY SOS to be Nominated

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Best,
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Date: Friday, November 5, 2021 1:35:20 PM

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From: [John Scott](#)
To: [Dodd, Stacy](#)
Cc: [Joe Esparza](#); [Kim Bergmann](#)
Subject: Re: Welcome from the National Association of Secretaries of State
Date: Monday, November 8, 2021 3:52:53 PM

Thank you so much Stacy!

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From: Dodd, Stacy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, November 8, 2021 12:54:45 PM
To: John Scott <JScott@sos.texas.gov>
Cc: Joe Esparza <JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>; Kim Bergmann <KBergmann@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: Welcome from the National Association of Secretaries of State

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Dear Secretary Scott,

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Texas Secretary of State. On behalf of the [National Association of Secretaries of State](#) (NASS), I want to take a moment to welcome you as a new member of the nation's oldest, nonpartisan professional association for state government leaders.

Upcoming NASS Event

Please mark your calendar for the [NASS 2022 Winter Conference](#) on Jan. 27-30, 2022 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC. This will be an opportunity to meet your [colleagues from around the country](#). Registration for the winter conference will open at the end of November.

NASS Resources

Attached you will find a chart that provides you with some basic information on the duties of Secretaries across the country, as well as a New Member Toolkit. On the NASS website, we have provided information on our [Initiatives](#), [Research](#), and [Resolutions](#).

We have added you to relevant [NASS Committee](#) distribution lists based on the responsibilities of your office (Elections, Cybersecurity, Business Services, International Relations.) Our committee email alerts include conference information, federal legislative alerts, federal agency updates, state office updates, and more. It would also be extremely helpful to get updated contact information for any staff who will be joining you.

NASS Staff Contact Information

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Maria Benson, NASS Director of Communications, 202-624-3528, [REDACTED]

Lindsey Forson, NASS Director of Cybersecurity Programs, 202-624-3524, [REDACTED]

John Milhofer, NASS Director of Research and Analysis, 202-624-3529, [REDACTED]

If your travels bring you to Washington, DC, please stop in to see us. Our office is on the Senate side of Capitol Hill, just a few blocks away from Union Station. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. The rest of the staff at NASS is also ready and eager to help you.

Once again, congratulations on your new position in state government. We look forward to working with you!

Stacy

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From: [John Scott](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Tuesday lunch
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021 6:18:49 AM

Rick,

Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday. We can meet and eat at Austin Club (downtown on 9th Street) or another place y'all refer.

John

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