

**Subject:** 671-21 Wishingrad - Release of Information  
**Date:** Monday, February 7, 2022 at 5:49:11 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** Public Records  
**To:** AO Records  
**Attachments:** TX-GOV-21-1700.pdf, 552.136 form.pdf, 671-21 Wishingrad - Documents for Release.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

February 7, 2022

Ms. Sarah Wishingrad  
American Oversight  
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255  
Washington, DC 20005  
[records@americanoversight.org](mailto:records@americanoversight.org)  
VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: OOG PIR # 671-21

Dear Ms. Wishingrad:

This email is in response to your modified public information request to the Office of the Governor (“OOG”), received by the OOG on January 24, 2022. A copy of your request is attached to this email.

The OOG has reviewed its files and has located the attached documents that are responsive to your request. The OOG has redacted personal e-mail addresses from the attached documents pursuant to section 552.137 of the Government Code and Tex. Att’y Gen. Open Records Decision No. 684 (2009). Additionally, the information at issue contains access device numbers subject to section 552.136 of the Government Code. The OOG may also redact such information without requesting a ruling from the Office of the Attorney General. The enclosed notice provides additional information and instructions if you wish to appeal our decision to withhold this information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [publicrecords@gov.texas.gov](mailto:publicrecords@gov.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

Open Records  
Office of Governor Greg Abbott

How to appeal the withholding of information under Gov't 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:** "Lantz, John W" 552.137

**To:** "Jordan Hale" <Jordan.Hale@gov.texas.gov>

**Date:** 10/8/2021 11:04:43 AM

**Subject:** Tim Mellon's gift for the Border Wall

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Dear Ms. Hale,

In order to complete our records of Mr. Mellon's gift of numerous Texas municipal bonds to Governor Abbott's Border Wall Project, I will be very much obliged if you will kindly provide a receipt of the assets that were transferred in kind to the State of Texas on August 19.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience if you have questions.

Thanks very much for your assistance.

John W. Lantz  
Family Office & Charitable Solutions  
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**From:** "Lantz, John W" <[REDACTED] 552.137>  
**To:** "Jordan Hale" <Jordan.Hale@gov.texas.gov>  
**Date:** 10/8/2021 5:19:42 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Tim Mellon's gift for the Border Wall

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Thank you very much, Jordan.

I am pleased to report that I am doing well, and I hope that you are, too.

Thank you very much for checking to see if you can obtain confirmation from the Comptroller. That information will be very helpful to Mr. Mellon's tax accountant.

Hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

John

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**From:** Jordan Hale <Jordan.Hale@gov.texas.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 5:23 PM  
**To:** Lantz, John W <[REDACTED] 552.137>  
**Subject:** RE: Tim Mellon's gift for the Border Wall

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Mr. Lantz,

Attached is the signed GGRD documentation, as well as the letter you sent me. I am also checking to see if we have confirmation of receipt or sale from the Comptroller. I'll get that to you as soon as I hear back.

Hope you are doing well.

Jordan

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**From:** Lantz, John W <[REDACTED] 552.137 >  
**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 11:05 AM  
**To:** Jordan Hale <Jordan.Hale@gov.texas.gov>  
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Request for Approval for a Gift, Grant, Reimbursement, or Donation to the Office of the Governor

Donations to the Office of the Governor (OOG) by state agencies, state universities, and state colleges do not have to be reported on this form.

DONOR INFORMATION - This section is to be filled out by the Donor.

Legal Name of Entity Making Donation: Mr. Timothy Mellon

Billing Address: c/o BNY Mellon 500 Grant Street, Suite 3840, Pittsburgh, PA 15258-0001

Phone Number: 307-745-0414 Email Address:

The Donor is a(n): (check all that apply)

Individual  For-profit business  Non-profit entity or charity  Local or Federal Government

Partnership  LLP  LLC  Corporation  Other (explain):

Is the donation being made by a person who has been a registered lobbyist with the Texas Ethics Commission at any time during the last two years?  Yes  No

If yes, will this donation be reported on a lobby activities report filed with the Texas Ethics Commission?  Yes  No

Donation value: \$52.6 million Detailed description of the donation: please see attached letter for complete list of Texas municipal securities to be transferred to Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company at Depository Trust Company

Will donor be directly paying for services or will donor be reimbursing OOG for incurred costs?

Direct payment  Reimbursement

I acknowledge: that this donation is being made to the OOG with the intent that it be used for a lawful public purpose in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 401.101; that if this donation cannot be used as originally intended, the OOG, in its discretion, may use this donation for any other lawful public purpose; that neither I nor any entity that I represent is seeking, is entitled to, or will receive any special treatment, consideration, or benefit as a result of this donation; and that I acknowledge I am authorized to sign on behalf of this entity.

Printed Name: Timothy Mellon

Date: August 18, 2021

Signature:

EMPLOYEE INFORMATION - This section is to be filled out by the requesting OOG employee.

Employee Name and OOG Division:

Will the donation pay for travel costs of a state business trip?  Yes  No

If yes, does the donation cover the entire cost of the trip?  Yes  No

If no, what is the estimated remaining cost of the trip to the OOG? \$

Number of OOG employees (including yourself) that will make this trip:

Dates of travel:

A travel requisition form for the trip must be submitted to the Financial Services Division.

APPROVALS

Director of Administration / Date

Ethics Advisor / Date

Chief of Staff or Designee / Date

August 18, 2021

Ms. Jordan Hale  
 Deputy Chief of Staff  
 Office of Governor Greg Abbott  
 P.O. Box 12428  
 Austin, TX 78711

Dear Ms. Hale,

Mr. Timothy Mellon has instructed me to make a charitable gift of various Texas municipal securities to the Texas Border Wall project.

Listed below is the complete list of securities that BNY Mellon will transfer in kind to the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company account at Depository Trust Company.

Description	CUSIP	Par Value
ALAMO TX CMNTY CLG DIST DTD 2/26/2020 4% 2/15/2022 MAINTENANCE TAX NOTES	552.136	1,250,000.0000
ALVIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT/TX DTD 8/17/2020 2/15/2036		1,000,000.0000
ALVIN TEX INDPST SCH DIST VAR RATE 1.25% 2/15/2033 -SER B- MANDATORY PUT 8/15/2022 @ 100		1,000,000.0000
ALVIN TX INDEP SCH DIST DTD 4/1/2019 4% 2/15/2022		1,000,000.0000
AMARILLO TX JNR CLG DIST DTD 2/15/2020 3% 2/15/2024		1,240,000.0000
CLEAR CREEK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST 0.5% 2/15/2035 VARIABLE-(Due 8/15/2023)		1,500,000.0000
COLLIN CNTY TX DTD 2/15/2019 3% 2/15/2024 PERMANENT 1MPT		3,000,000.0000
DENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DTD 8/1/2020 2% 8/1/2043 REMK 8/1/2020 (Due 8/1/2023)		3,000,000.0000
DENTON TX INDEP SCH DIST DTD 2% 8/1/2044 SCH BLDG-SER B-REMK 8/1/19 MANDATORY PUT 8/1/2024 @ 100		3,000,000.0000
DUMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DTD 3/1/2020 4% 2/1/2022 SCH BLDG		1,105,000.0000
FRIENDSWOOD TX INDEP SCH DIST DTD 2/15/2021 2% 2/15/2024		1,000,000.0000
FRISCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT DTD 1/1/2021 3% 2/15/2023		1,210,000.0000
GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT 0.27% 10/1/2049 SCH DIST VAR-SER B (Due 10/1/2021)		1,000,000.0000
GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT DTD 0.45% 2/15/2040 SER B (Due 8/15/2022)		1,000,000.0000
HARLANDALE TX INDEP SCH DIST DTD 9/1/2020 VAR 8/15/2045 (Due 8/15/2025)		2,900,000.0000
HARRIS CNTY TX DTD 10/13/2020 5% 10/1/2021 REF-SER A		3,000,000.0000
HARRIS CNTY TX FLOOD CONTROL D DTD 9/30/2020 3% 10/1/2022 SER A		1,170,000.0000
HURST-EULESS-BEDFORD INDEPENDENT DTD 5/1/2019 4% 8/15/2022 SCH DIST		1,000,000.0000
MIDLAND CNTY TX PUBLIC FAC COR VAR 6/1/2024 PALLADIUM @ MANDATORY PUT 6/1/2023 @ 100		1,500,000.0000
MIDLOTHIAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL 2% 8/1/2051 DIST REF-SER C- MANDATORY PUT 8/1/2024 @ 100		2,000,000.0000
NUECES CNTY TX DTD 12/1/2019 4% 2/15/2022 REF		1,000,000.0000
PROSPER TX INDEP SCH DIST 2% 02/15/2050 VARIABLE-SER B MANDATORY PUT 8/15/2023 @ 100		1,025,000.0000

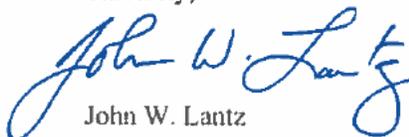


SHERMAN TX INDEP SCH DIST DTD % 8/1/2018 UNREFUNDED-VARIABLE-SCH BLDG-SER B- REMK (Due 8/1/2023)	552.136	2,200,000.0000
TEXAS ST DEPT OF HSG & CMINTY A 0.5% 8/1/2038 FISHPOND AT CORPUS CRISTY (Due 6/01/2023)		3,000,000.0000
TEXAS ST TAX & REV ANTIC NTS 0.0000% DTD 9/2/2020 4% 8/26/2021 TRANS		3,000,000.0000
TEXAS ST TRANSPRTN COMMISSIONS VAR 4/1/2026 REF-FIRST TIER-SER B MANDATORY PUT 10/1/2021 @ 100		1,000,000.0000
TEXAS ST WTR DEV BRD DTD 10/10/2019 5% 10/15/2021 SER A		1,500,000.0000
TEXAS ST WTR DEV BRD DTD 10/8/2020 3% 10/15/2021 MASTER TRUST		1,250,000.0000
TRAVIS COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE CORP DTD 12/22/2020 0.4% 7/1/2041 (Due 7/01/2024)		2,000,000.0000
WEST UNIV PLACE TX DTD 1/1/2020 4% 2/1/2022 REF		2,205,000.0000

The aggregate par value of the bonds is \$51,655,000 and the market value as of the close of business on Tuesday, August 17 was \$52,784,691.25.

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Sincerely,

  
John W. Lantz



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- Partnership
- LLP
- LLC
- Corporation
- Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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If yes, will this donation be reported on a lobby activities report filed with the Texas Ethics Commission?  Yes  No

Donation value: \$300,000. Detailed description of the donation: \$300,000 par value Sherman TX Independent School District School Building Series B Remarketing 2.0% due August 1, 2023  
CHSIF 552.136 For the border wall

Will donor be directly paying for services or will donor be reimbursing OOG for incurred costs?  
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Printed Name: Timothy Mellon

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: August 11, 2021

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Employee Name and OOG Division: \_\_\_\_\_

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