

Subject: RE: Public Information Request (TX-SOS-22-0906)
Date: Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 4:32:23 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: GeneralCounsel
To: AO Records
CC: GeneralCounsel
Attachments: to read before this afternoon's meeting.pdf, December 2021 Text message exchange with Patrick Byrne.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Texas Secretary of State. This email responds to your request for information under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code. A diligent search of the records of this Office found the attached documents responsive to your request.

Kind regards,

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

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 1:24 PM
To: GeneralCounsel <GeneralCounsel@sos.texas.gov>
Subject: Public Information Request (TX-SOS-22-0906)

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Dear Public Information Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under the Texas Public Information Act.

Sincerely,
Dylan Winters (he/him)
Paralegal

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**BOMBSHELL:
PATRICK BYRNE
EXPLAINS HOW DEEP
THE DEEP STATE IS**



**Patrick Byrne Shows You Just
How Deep The Deep State Is**

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Dear secretary Scott,

Senator Paxton gave me your cell number and suggested I contact you. She has told me that she suggested to you that we might meet. I would be honored to do so.

For your information, I was in Dallas this weekend, and spoke at a large conference, "reawaken America" with Michael Flynn and (a couple of hours after me) Eric Trump I finally came public about



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Mr. Byrne,
I am in Austin. My only
scheduled meeting in the
afternoon in is a meeting with
a diplomat at 2:30-3 CST. I
would love to visit with you
tomorrow afternoon or
another day if more
convenient.

Sir,

That's wonderful. Tomorrow
would actually be most
convenient, because I will be
flying overhead in the
afternoon. I will aim to arrive
at 3:15 if that suits your
convenience, and I won't
expect to take much of your
time. I do not wish to be a
burden.

If you wish, you might view
that Speech I gave in Dallas
I'll post a link to above. I

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If you wish, you might view that Speech I gave in Dallas that I sent a link to above. I revealed a great deal and I wish I've never been public. It will connect everything for you. Even if it means that after viewing that, you only need to sit with me for 10 minutes, you really might find it with your time. And of course, it may mean that what time we have tomorrow condition used more substantive late, and I can answer any questions you might have

May I request that you send me the address of your office, or wherever you will be at 3:15?

My office is at the state Capitol on the main floor in the east wing

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My office is at the state Capitol on the main floor in the east wing.

Thank you so much. If it turns out I can arrive substantially earlier than 2 o'clock, I will let you know and maybe we might even meet before your other meeting. I don't want to tie up you're late afternoon.

Thank you so much for taking the time sir.

Patrick

Thank you!!!

Delivered

This seems perfect. It looks like I will be landing at around 2 o'clock, which gives me lots of buffer to get a car and come in to see you. So you can expect me at around 315.

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Thank you so much for taking the time sir.

Patrick

Thank you!!!

Delivered

This seems perfect. It looks like I will be landing at around 2 o'clock, which gives me lots of buffer to get a car and come in to see you. So you can expect me at around 315.

Wed, Dec 15, 3:09 PM

Hello sir I am just arriving I have to find parking

Hello sir. I have parked a couple blocks away and I'm walking up to the capital. I suppose I'll be another 5 to 10 minutes.



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From: Sam Taylor
Sent: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 9:17 AM
To: John Scott; Joe Esparza; Adam Bitter
Subject: to read before this afternoon's meeting:

Sensitivity: Personal

Speaking of Florida...

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/article/3-voters-from-retirement-haven-charged-with-16702126.php>

3 voters from retirement haven charged with voting fraud

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (AP) — Three voters from a Florida retirement community that is a GOP stronghold have been arrested on charges of voting more than once.

The arrests come weeks after Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis pledged to create a law enforcement agency to investigate election crimes, despite there being little evidence of electoral malfeasance in the Sunshine State.

The three voters — all residents of The Villages area — were arrested over the past two weeks. They were each charged with casting more than one ballot in the 2020 election after complaints were filed by the Sumter County Supervisor of Elections.

Jay Ketcik 63, was arrested last week on a charge of third-degree felony fraud. He entered a not guilty plea, and court records show he intends to “attack the sufficiency of the charge.” An arrest report did not detail why he was charged, but Orlando television station WKMG, citing court documents, reported he was accused of voting by mail in Florida in October 2020 while also casting an absentee ballot in Michigan.

Joan Halstead, 71, was arrested two weeks ago for voting in person in Florida and by absentee ballot in New York during the 2020 election, according to an arrest report. She has entered a not guilty plea and also said in court papers she intends to attack “the sufficiency” of the charge.

John Rider, 61, was arrested at the beginning of the month on a similar charge. An arrest report did not say why he was facing the charge. There was no online docket in Sumter County yet for Rider, who was arrested in Brevard County, so it was not known if he had an attorney. No phone number was listed on an arrest report.

Online records show Ketcik and Halstead are registered Republicans, while Rider has no party affiliation.

The arrests come weeks after DeSantis proposed new restrictions on ballot drop boxes, creating the election police force and changes that would strengthen penalties for ballot harvesting. During his announcement, DeSantis, echoed many talking points on voting problems that have gained traction in the GOP following former President Donald Trump’s false claims that his reelection was stolen from him. DeSantis is up for reelection next year and is eyeing a 2024 presidential run.

The governor had previously praised the 2020 election in Florida as smooth, and there was widespread consensus among election officials and experts that there was no fraud that could have affected results in the last presidential election.

An Associated Press review of every potential case of voter fraud in the six battleground states disputed by Trump has found fewer than 475 — a number that would have made no difference in the 2020 presidential election.