

Monday, October 2, 2023 at 12:21:33 Eastern Daylight Time

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**Subject:** 421-23 Adhoob - Release of Information  
**Date:** Friday, September 29, 2023 at 5:16:14 PM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Public Records  
**To:** AO Records  
**Attachments:** TX-GOV-23-0867.pdf, 421-23 Adhoob - Documents for Release.pdf

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September 29, 2023

Ms. Marwah Adhoob  
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Washington, DC 20005  
[records@americanoversight.org](mailto:records@americanoversight.org)  
VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: OOG PIR # 421-23

Dear Ms. Adhoob:

This email is in response to your public information request to the Office of the Governor (“OOG”), received by the OOG on September 19, 2023. 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).

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

Sincerely,

Kieran Hillis  
Public Information Coordinator  
Assistant General Counsel  
Office of Governor Greg Abbott

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**From:** AO Records <[records@americanoversight.org](mailto:records@americanoversight.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023 12:57 PM  
**To:** Public Records <[publicrecords@gov.texas.gov](mailto:publicrecords@gov.texas.gov)>

**Subject:** 421-23 Adhoob - Request for Information

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Dear Public Information Officer:

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

Sincerely,

**Marwah Adhoob** | She/Her  
Paralegal | American Oversight  
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PIR: TX-GOV-23-0867

From: Mark Krikorian <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 4:03 PM  
To: michael.banks@gov.texas.gov  
Cc: armando.salinas10.mil@army.mil  
Subject: Invitation  
Attachments: secure your spot - immigration school.docx

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Mr. Banks,

The Center for Immigration Studies would like to extend an invitation for you to be the keynote speaker at the Center's second annual Immigration School opening reception on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 5:30 pm. (Last year's speaker was Senator Jeff Sessions.)

Immigration School is an invitation-only event, bringing together leaders, stakeholders, and influencers from around the country to discuss important immigration topics. We anticipate an audience of around 125, including staffers from Capitol Hill and various federal and state agencies, as well as other immigration researchers and activists.

The event will be held at the Westin Crystal City near Ronald Reagan National Airport. You are welcome to stay for the all-day Saturday session, which is the Immigration School proper. (An email sent to invitees, which has a few more details about the agenda, is attached.) Both the Friday evening opening reception and the Saturday sessions will be off the record.

If you're game, I'd also be delighted to interview you, on the record, for our weekly podcast, "Parsing Immigration Policy", to give you a chance to explain what steps Texas has been taking to make up for the Biden administration's dereliction of duty at the border. It's one of the top immigration podcasts, and we've had as guests congressmen, state officials, former administration officials, retired Border Patrol agents, scholars, et al., in addition to our own staff researchers; the episodes are all listed here: <https://cis.org/Podcasts/Parsing-Immigration-Policy> In other formats, we've also done interviews or had panel discussions with Sen. Tom Cotton, former ICE chief Tom Homan, former CBP Commissioner Mark Morgan, former congressman Lamar Smith, and many others.

If this is something you can do, Friday afternoon, September 22, before the reception, would be the ideal time -- we have a small studio at our offices in downtown DC -- it would take less than an hour.

I hope you'll be able to take part in our Immigration School event and our podcast -- they reach an important audience of immigration influencers that need to hear more about the State of Texas's role in limiting the fallout of Biden's border disaster. If you have any questions, feel free to call me directly any time at 202-288-4560.

Thanks for your attention. -- MK

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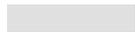
**Mark Krikorian**

Executive Director  
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## IMMIGRATION SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2023

### Secure Your Spot for Immigration School 2023!

The Center for Immigration Studies is pleased to invite you to Immigration School 2023 on **September 22-23**. This invitation-only event is designed to help inform those engaged in the immigration discussion. Our experts will bypass the clichés and provide data, context, and resources to equip both those new to the topic and those who have extensive experience.

The Washington, D.C., event will open with a reception on the evening of Friday, September 22, and continue all day Saturday, September 23. The session will be off the record. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

The following topics will be covered at the 8:30am – 4:00pm Saturday, September 23 event:

- **Holes in the Border: Asylum and Parole**
- **Merit-Based Immigration or Lower Numbers?**
- **Immigration and the American Worker**
- **Has ICE Been Abolished? How Can It Be Resurrected?**
- **Biden's Rulemaking Agenda: What's Been Done and What's Coming**
- **The Role of States and Localities**

The event is free of charge, though attendees from out of town will have to make their own arrangements for travel and lodging. A limited number of rooms have been blocked under the Center's name at the hotel where the event is being held, the Westin Crystal City, near Reagan National Airport. Attendees can reserve a room online [here](#) or by phone at [\(703\) 486-1111](tel:7034861111).

Let us help you become the immigration expert in your office or organization, armed with the knowledge and network needed to offer persuasive arguments and craft successful policy.

**RSVP**  or call Ally Thai at 202-466-8185.

From: Susan Tully <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023, 11:46 AM  
To: "'Michael.banks@gov.texas.gov'" <Michael.banks@gov.texas.gov>  
Subject: Hotel Room & Dinner

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Mr. Banks,  
Susan Kibbe said you have responded to my email, but I haven't received anything.

I would like to offer you a hotel room the night before the event, and the night after if you would like to stay. I would also like to invite you to join us in Falfurrias at Dr. Vickers Ranch with the Texas Border Volunteers the same Friday afternoon, and dinner afterward if you would like. I will be sending a full agenda out by September 10, 2023.

Please let me know as soon as possible about hotel room, if you can join us for lunch after your talk, and later to Falfurrias and dinner. Let me know please if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Susan Tully*

Special Projects/Law Enforcement Relations Manager



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