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Date: Friday, December 8, 2023 at 4:07:42 PM Eastern Standard Time
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EXTERNAL SENDER

December 8, 2023

Mr. Dylan Winters
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005
records@americanoversight.org
VIA EMAIL ONLY

RE: OOG PIR # 529-23

Dear Mr. Winters:

This email is in response to your public information request to the Office of the Governor (“OOG”), received by the OOG on November 21, 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.

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

Sincerely,

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

From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 4:15 PM
To: Public Records <publicrecords@gov.texas.gov>
Subject: 529-23 Winters - 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,
Dylan Winters
Paralegal | American Oversight
records@americanoversight.org |
www.americanoversight.org | @weareoversight

PIR: TX-GOV-23-1147

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Federal American Immigration Reform Event

Fri 9/29/2023 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Double Tree McAllen

Border School Classroom Ag...
238 KB

Hello,

Mr. Banks will be speaking at said event.

Start	End	Duration	Trainer
8:00:00 AM	8:05:00 AM	0:05	Susan Tully, Law Enforcement Relations Manager, FAIR
8:05:00 AM	8:50:00 AM	0:45	Victor Escalon, Executive Director RGV, Texas Department of Public Safety
8:50:00 AM	9:35:00 AM	0:45	Alfredo Lozano, Deputy Chief, U.S. Border Patrol RGV
9:35:00 AM	9:45:00 AM	0:10	Morning Break
9:45:00 AM	10:30:00 AM	0:45	Michael Banks, Border Czar, Office of Governor Abbott
10:30:00 AM	11:30:00 AM	1:00	Jaeson Jones, Border Intelligence Expert
11:30:00 AM	12:15:00 PM	0:45	Sheriffs Panel Discussion
12:15:00 PM	1:00:00 PM	0:45	Lunch

Tracking

Organizer

Salinas, Armando Jr CPT U...
Sent on Wednesday, 8/9/2023 at 10:23 AM

Attendees

✓ Yes: 1

MB Michael Banks
Required

✓ Didn't respond: 2

M Morales, Matthew E SGT U...
Required

M mando330@icloud.com
Optional



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From: Susan Tully [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 12:37 PM
To: Salinas, Armando Jr CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <armando.salinas10.mil@army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Border School Agenda for Mr. Banks

Armando,
Sorry for the delay in getting this to you. Here is the agenda, I need you to have Mr. Banks give me the title for his talk, I just put in the topic as a placeholder, so whatever he needs it to say is fine with me. Let me know as soon as possible and I will get a revised copy to you.

Sincerely,

Susan Tully

Special Projects/Law Enforcement Relations Manager



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Re: Czar Banks Bio

Salinas, Armando Jr CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <armando.salinas10.mil@army.mil>

Wed 9/13/2023 5:05 PM

To: Susan Tully [REDACTED]

1 attachments (331 KB)

MICHAEL W. BANKS BIOGRAPHY.docx;

Good afternoon, ma'am,

As requested, please see attached.

Let me know if you need anything else.

V/R

Armando Salinas Jr.
CPT, AG, TXARNG
3-141 IN, S1 OIC
Operation Lone Star – Aide de Camp to The Texas Border Czar Mr. Mike Banks
"Hold the Line!"

HQ, 3-141 IN RGMT
1100 Vo Tech Dr.
Weslaco, TX 78599
(PRIMARY) Personal Cell Phone: [REDACTED]
Personal Email: [REDACTED]

"Judgement comes from experience and experience comes from bad judgments." – General of the Army Omar N. Bradley



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From: Susan Tully [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 2:26 PM
To: Salinas, Armando Jr CPT USARMY NG TXARNG (USA) <armando.salinas10.mil@army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Czar Banks Bio

Can you send me a bio for Mr. Banks please for our packet of information for those attending in McAllen.

Sincerely,

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Special Advisor on Border Matters Mike W. Banks



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Professional History

Mike Banks of Mission, Tx is a former U.S. Border Patrol Agent with over three decades of federal law enforcement leadership experience, with 23 years in border security operations and administration along the United States-Mexico border (USBP). Prior to becoming the Special Advisor to the Governor on Border Matters He served as the Patrol Agent in Charge of the Weslaco Border Patrol Station. He previously served as Acting Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement Operational Programs at the USBP headquarters in Washington, D.C., USBP McAllen Border Patrol Station Patrol Agent in Charge, USBP Rio Grande Valley Sector Executive Officer and Acting Division Chief, and other various USBP leadership positions in Texas, Arizona, and California. He is also a former member of the U.S. Navy Military Police. Banks holds an associate degree in Administration of Justice from Southwestern College in Chula Vista, California, a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership from South Texas College, and numerous other awards from the U.S. Navy and USBP.

Mr. Banks was selected by Governor Abbott for this position. Mr. Banks priority is and will continue to be border security. Protecting our nation's border is something Mr. Banks has dedicated the last 23 years of his life to, in which he continues to be very passionate about.

Securing our Future

Mr. Banks looks forward to strengthening relationships with law enforcement partners and the community, leveraging all that we can to further protect our great state of Texas and the United States. Mr. Banks will report directly to Governor Abbott and ensure border security strategies are fully executed in Texas in the absence of meaningful federal action. He will collaborate daily with TMD, DPS, and other state agencies, local officials, and Texas landowners to carry out Operation Lone Star's mission of deterring and repelling migrants from illegally crossing into Texas from Mexico. Mr. Banks will also advise the Governor on border security situations and strategies, including the planning of operations ahead of migrant surges. To best serve Texans and Americans, Mr. Banks will be based out of Weslaco and travel along the border, and state, as necessary.

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