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May 10, 2024

VIA EMAIL TO:
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Anisha Hindocha
American Oversight

AO redaction – PII
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RE: FOIA Request – Email Communications from or to the City of Roanoke Electoral Board Chair Charles Shell and Vice Chair Al Bedrosian

Dear Ms. Hindocha:

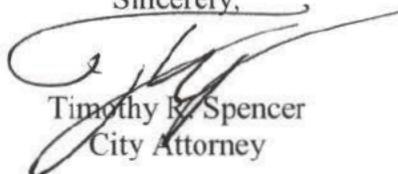
I am, again, writing to you regarding your Virginia Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request received on April 23, 2024 by the City Attorney’s Office for the City of Roanoke, whereby you were requesting copies of various email communications from or to the City of Roanoke Electoral Board Chair Charles Shell and Vice Chair Al Bedrosian from or to the various entities or individuals listed in your FOIA Request dated April 23, 2024 regarding the above. On April 29, 2024, I requested an extension, and we are now ready to respond to your Request.

Pursuant to your FOIA Request, attached please find emails from or to the City of Roanoke Electoral Board Chair Charles Shell and Vice Chair Al Bedrosian.

You should receive an invoice from the City of Roanoke within the next couple of weeks for the search time of the enclosed documents in the amount of \$46.64 and should remit your payment at that time.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

Sincerely,



Timothy R. Spencer
City Attorney

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attachments

cc: Robin Viohl, FOIA Officer for the City of Roanoke
Andrew Cochran, Director of Elections and General Registrar, City of Roanoke

From: [The official communication list for the Electoral Board Members of the Commonwealth, on behalf of Gaines, Andrea \(ELECT\)](#)
To: EBLIST@LIST.VA.LTB.VA.US
Subject: [EXTERNAL] [EBLIST] ELECT News Release - Early Voting for Presidential Primaries Begins January 19
Date: Thursday, January 18, 2024 9:55:23 AM
Attachments: [ELECT News Release -Early voting - 2024 Presidential Primary .pdf](#)

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Good morning,

Please see the attached news release, which was forwarded to the media late Wednesday.

Thank you,

Andrea M. Gaines
External Affairs Manager
Virginia Department of Elections
Andrea.Gaines@elections.virginia.gov
(804)263-5752

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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jan. 17, 2024

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EARLY VOTING FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES BEGINS JAN. 19

RICHMOND, VA — Early voting for the Virginia Presidential Primary on March 5th begins this Friday, January 19, 2024. Virginia will have a dual presidential primary election, which means both the Democratic Party and the Republican Party will have primaries on the same day.

In a dual primary, officers of election will ask voters if they want to cast their ballot in the Democratic Party Primary or the Republican Party Primary. All qualified voters may vote in either primary, but voters may not vote in both primaries.

The choice to vote in a party's primary does not mean that the voter will be "registered" with that party. Virginia does not have party registration.

Six candidates will appear on the Republican primary ballot: Chris Christie, Ryan L. Binkley, Vivek Ramaswamy, Donald J. Trump, Ron D. DeSantis, and Nikki R. Haley. Three candidates will appear on the Democratic primary ballot: Marianne Williamson, Joseph R. Biden Jr and Dean Benson Phillips.

In-person early voting for the March 5, 2024, presidential primary election begins Friday, Jan. 19 and will continue through Saturday, March 2.

To vote early in-person, registered voters should go to the general registrar's office for the jurisdiction in which they are registered, present their ID, and cast their ballot. The location of the general registrar's office for all jurisdictions can be found on the Virginia Department of Elections' website (<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/PublicContactLookup>) as well as a list of acceptable forms of identification (<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/voterid/index.html>).

Some jurisdictions may offer early in-person voting at both the general registrar's office and satellite locations. Curbside voting is also available for those with disabilities and anyone over 65. Contact your general registrar's office for more information regarding voting hours and additional locations.

Requested absentee ballots will be mailed beginning Jan. 19, including ballots to registered military and overseas voters. Any registered voter can request an absentee ballot either in-person, by mail, online (<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation/Lookup/absentee>) or by contacting your general registrar's office.

Registered voters do not need a reason to request an absentee ballot.

In order to return a voted ballot, voters can drop off their absentee ballot at the general registrar's office or polling location on Election Day. Absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked on or before March 5 and received by the general registrar before noon Friday, March 8.

Anyone with visual or manual dexterity impairment has the option to vote an absentee ballot using an electronic marking tool.

The deadline to register to vote and cast a regular ballot is Feb. 12. After that date, voters will have to use same-day registration and vote a provisional ballot.

The deadline to apply for a mailed ballot is Feb. 23.

Voters with questions about absentee and early in-person voting should contact their general registrar's office or the Virginia Department of Elections by phone at 1-800-552-9745 or by email at info@elections.virginia.gov. For more information, voters are encouraged to visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at www.elections.virginia.gov.

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From: [Andrew Cochran](#)
To: [Charles Shell](#); [Al Bedrosian](#)
Subject: ACTION - FOIA Request
Date: Friday, April 26, 2024 12:45:53 PM
Attachments: [HINDOCHA, Anisha.pdf](#)

The City has received a FOIA request. The attached document outlines the scope and details of the request. The request is for emails from each of you. Please take a moment to review this carefully for the details. The technology department is fulfilling this request as it relates to City email accounts. The request also requests emails from personal email accounts and text messages which is permissible under FOIA. When you have gathered emails and text messages, please send them to robin.viohl@roanokeva.gov in the Office of the City Attorney. Please reference the FOIA request to which you are responding. This is due by Tuesday, April 30; however, I will request a one week deadline which we are allowed to do. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you.
Andy

J. ANDREW COCHRAN

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City of Roanoke
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540.853.1025, Fax

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Roanoke, VA 24016

www.roanokeva.gov/registrar

April 23, 2024

VIA EMAIL

City of Roanoke
FOIA Officer
Robin Viohl
215 Church Avenue
Roanoke, VA 24011
Robin.viohl@roanokeva.gov

Re: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3700, I, Anisha Hindocha, a resident of Virginia, make the following request for records.

Requested Records

I request that your office produce the following records within five working days:

1. All email communications (including emails, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, and calendar invitation attachments) between (a) any of the City of Roanoke officials listed below and (b) any of the external entities or individuals listed below or anyone communicating on their behalf (including, but not limited to, at the listed email addresses and/or domains).

City of Roanoke Officials:

- a. Electoral Board Chair Charles Shell
- b. Electoral Board Vice Chair Al Bedrosian

External Entities or Individuals:

1. Ann Grigorian, and/or anyone communicating on behalf of the Virginia Election Integrity Working Group
2. Catherine Engelbrecht (catherine@truethevote.org), and/or anyone communicating on behalf of True the Vote (truethevote.org)
3. Catherine Trauernicht
4. Charles Bernardin
5. Clara Belle Wheeler
6. Cleta Mitchell (cleta@cletamitchell.com, cmitchell@foley.com), Melody Clarke and/or anyone communicating on behalf of the Election Integrity Network (whoscounting.us, electionintegrity.network)
7. Conservative Partnership Institute (cpi.org, conservativepartnership.org)
8. Douglas Frank (drdouglasfrank@outlook.com, drdouglasfrank@protonmail.com)

9. Gina Swoboda (ginaswoboda@hotmail.com) and/or anyone communicating on behalf of Voter Reference Foundation (@voterreferencefoundation.com, @voterref.com)
10. Honest Elections Project (honestelections.org)
11. Ian Camacho (ian.c.camacho@gmail.com) and/or anyone communicating on behalf of Look Ahead America (lookaheadamerica.org)
12. Laurie Moore (moore.laurie@gmail.com)
13. Leadership Institute (leadershipinstitute.org)
14. Linda Rantz (cause.america.mo@pm.me), and/or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @causeofamerica.org
15. Mac Warner (amwarner@aol.com)
16. Middle Resolution Policy Foundation (middlesolutionpolicy.org)
17. Mike Lindell, anyone communicating on his behalf, and/or anyone communicating from an email address ending in @mypillow.com or @frankspeech.com
18. Patrick Byrne (deepcapture.com), and/or anyone else communicating on behalf of America Project (americaproject.com)
19. Public Interest Legal Foundation (publicinterestlegal.org, electionlawcenter.com)
20. Republican Party of Virginia (virginia.gop)
21. Rick Richards (drr@cathaid.com, drr@EagleAI.pro, drronline@me.com), John Richards (johnrichards@EagleAI.pro), and/or anyone communicating on behalf of EagleAI NETWORK (eagleai.pro)
22. Scott Pio
23. Thomas More Society (thomasmoresociety.org)
24. Tom Fitton (tfitton@judicialwatch.org), and/or anyone communicating on behalf of Judicial Watch (judicialwatch.org)
25. UnAuthorized (unauthorized.one)
26. Virginia Fair Elections (vafairelections.org)
27. Virginia Institute of Public Policy (virginiainstitute.org)
28. Virginians for America First (virginiansforamericafirst.com)

Please note that I do not seek, and that part one of this request specifically excludes, the initial mailing of news clips or other mass-distribution emails. However, subsequent communications responding to or forwarding such emails are responsive to this request. In other words, for example, if an official received a mass-distribution news clip email from Virginia Fair Elections, that initial email would not be responsive to this request. However, if the official responded to that email or forwarded it to another individual with the official's own commentary, that subsequent message would be responsive to this request and should be produced.

2. All email communications (including any email messages and attachments thereto) sent by any of the City of Roanoke officials listed above in part one of this request and containing any of the following key terms, listed below.

Key Terms:

- I. "election integrity"
- II. "voter fraud"
- III. "election fraud"
- IV. "hand count"
- V. Trump
- VI. "list maintenance"
- VII. "election certification"
- VIII. "certify results"
- IX. "certify the election"
- X. "certify election"
- XI. "forensic audit"
- XII. elector

In an effort to accommodate your office and reduce the number of potentially responsive records to be produced, I have limited part two of this request to emails sent by the listed official. To be clear, however, I still request that complete email chains be produced, displaying both sent and received messages. This means that if a listed official sent an email responding to an incoming message, both the official's response and the initial message are responsive to this request and should be produced.

For both parts of this request, please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2024, through the date the search is conducted.

Please notify my authorized representative at American Oversight of any anticipated fees or costs in excess of \$100 prior to incurring such costs or fee.

Guidance Regarding the Search & Processing of Requested Records

In connection with its request for records, I provide the following guidance regarding the scope of the records sought and the search and processing of records:

- My request for records includes any attachments to those records or other materials enclosed with those records when they were previously transmitted. To the extent that an email is responsive to this request, this request includes all prior messages sent or received in that email chain, as well as any attachments to the email.
- Please search all relevant records or systems containing records regarding agency business. Do not exclude records regarding agency business contained in files, email accounts, or devices in the personal custody of your officials, such as personal email accounts or text messages.
- In the event some portions of the requested records are properly exempt from disclosure, please disclose any reasonably segregable non-exempt portions of the requested records. If a request is denied in whole, please state specifically why it is not reasonable to segregate portions of the record for release.

- Please take appropriate steps to ensure that records responsive to this request are not deleted by the agency before the completion of processing for this request. If records potentially responsive to this request are likely to be located on systems where they are subject to potential deletion, including on a scheduled basis, please take steps to prevent that deletion, including, as appropriate, by instituting a litigation hold on those records.

If you have any questions regarding how to construe this request for records or believe that further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate a more efficient production of records of interest to me, please do not hesitate to reach out to my authorized legal representative at the contact information listed below. I welcome an opportunity to discuss this request with you before you undertake your search or incur search or duplication costs. By working together at the outset, we can decrease the likelihood of costly and time-consuming litigation in the future.

Where possible, please provide responsive material in an electronic format by email to the address listed below. Alternatively, please provide responsive material in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive. If it will accelerate release of responsive records, please also provide responsive material on a rolling basis.

Conclusion

We share a common mission to promote transparency in government. I look forward to working with your agency on this request. If you do not understand any part of this request, please contact my legal representative, Elizabeth Haddix, at records@americanoversight.org or (252) 359-7424 ext. 1031.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anisha Hindocha

Anisha Hindocha

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Robin Viohl

From: JoAnne Speiden <vebajhs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2024 2:37 PM
To: Teresa.Almond@gmail.com; nallslaw@outlook.com; wspradleyeb@gmail.com; dilorenzola@yahoo.com; chuck_haney@yahoo.com; lannisselz@gmail.com; steven904@jetbroadband.com; abduncan67@gmail.com; behrhorn@bedfordcountyva.gov; ewc@prodigy.net; johnwrader@aol.com; svaughn396@yahoo.com; sbanks@buckinghamelectoralboard.org; kcerwinski@buckinghamelectoralboard.org; whanes@buckinghamelectoralboard.org; cmmartula@co.campbell.va.us; drwenger@co.campbell.va.us; drwooldridge@co.campbell.va.us; brendasarthur@gmail.com; sljennings1@comcast.net; tnealmorris@gmail.com; P.Kitchen.EB@gmail.com; beckyhowell911@icloud.com; pmgsvcs@yahoo.com; pearlineboyce2@gmail.com; donna.cosmato@gmail.com; kaysaleeby@hotmail.com; ma3sonsboone@aol.com; joelcannaday@yahoo.com; rgshropshire37@gmail.com; betty.gibbs@lynchburgva.gov; steven.troxel@lynchburgva.gov; billagee.1954@gmail.com; jmcbeech@yahoo.com; dwaynewaller63@icloud.com; langfordrd@montgomerycountyva.gov; stileskl@montgomerycountyva.gov; williamsd@montgomerycountyva.gov; bbbowman14@centurylink.net; malcolmroachinteriorrenovation@gmail.com; wrodgers21@gmail.com; tinkerburkhardt@gmail.com; vaadventure03@yahoo.com; anitaawhite60@gmail.com; Carol.Colby@radfordva.gov; anncc@vt.edu; Chris.Quesenberry@radfordva.gov; albedrosian@cox.net; Stephen.niamke@roanoke.gov; shelshok000@gmail.com; krasnow@aol.com; mmcbride100@gmail.com; kensrpan@yahoo.com; zachageesalemeb@gmail.com; lizeb8@gmail.com; Katherin@jaswva.org

Subject: Electoral Board email test

Dear members,

I am in the process of trying to figure out why many members are not receiving emails from either the EBList or from the VEBA list. In the next few hours I will be sending out a test email using each of these. The one using the EBList will be from me: JoAnne Speiden, and It will have in the subject line EBList with the word TEST. The one using the VEBA List (Mail Chimp) will be from the Virginia Electoral Board Association and will also have in the subject line TEST.

I am sending this out on this current service because I can put in a smaller number of addresses. My suspicion is that sometimes the email police, especially on services which use a .gov address but sometimes also a .org address, send emails from a large list (such as the EBList or the VEBA list) to the spam folder. So if you do not receive either or both of these emails in the next day or two please first check your spam folder to see if they have gone there. If that is the case you can open the email and it should provide you with a way to mark it as "not spam." If you do not receive either or both of these emails in spam either please reply to this current address to let me know that you did not receive them. You don't have to reply if you received both of these emails.

Once I have a list of people who are not getting their emails I can troubleshoot with the Department about the EBList.

JoAnne Speiden

Robin Viohl

From: Charles Shell <shelshok000@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 23, 2024 9:26 PM
To: vebaeblist@gmail.com
Subject: Re: TEST

I only got this one.



Virus-free www.avg.com

On Sat, Mar 23, 2024 at 2:39 PM Virginia Electoral Board Association <vebaeblist@send.mailchimpapp.com> wrote:

[View this email in your browser](#)

Dear Electoral Board members:

If you received this test email this system is working for you. If you received this one but not one from the EBList please reply with that information.



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You are receiving this email because you are a member of VEBA.

Our mailing address is:

Virginia Electoral Board Association

P. O. Box 462

Somerset, VA 22972

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From: Virginia Fair Elections
To: sheshok00@gmail.com
Subject: VFE: Electoral Board Member Work Group Confirmation
Date: Monday, January 15, 2024 6:02:38 PM



Hello Charles Shell,

Thank you for registering for VFE: Electoral Board Member Work Group. You can find information about this meeting below.

VFE: Electoral Board Member Work Group

Date & Time	Jan 15, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
	Jan 22, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
	Jan 29, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
	Feb 5, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
	Feb 12, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
	Feb 19, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
	Feb 26, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
	Mar 4, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
	Mar 11, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
	Mar 18, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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	May 20, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
	May 27, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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From: [Anna Goltz](#)
To: [Al Bedrosian](#); [Charles Shell](#); [Andrew Cochran](#)
Subject: Sept and Dec
Date: Sunday, January 7, 2024 6:31:13 PM
Attachments: [2023.12.19 F Board Minutes.docx](#)
[2023.09.18 F Board Minutes.docx](#)

September and December.
I believe that squares up all outstanding minutes.
-Anna

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