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October 5, 2023

Emma Lewis American Oversight

Sent via Electronic Mail to: records@americanoversight.org

Re: Request for records, TX-SOS-23-0753, received: August 8, 2023 (SOS PIR No. 23-0809)

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Please find enclosed a copy of the written comments, without exhibits, submitted to the attorney general. The comments are regarding the request for a decision on whether information withheld from you in response to your August 8, 2023 request for records (the "Request") is confidential under Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code.¹

Consistent with our September 28, 2023 letter, please find the enclosed documents responsive to the Request. We require more time to continue reviewing our records and produce additional responsive information. We will provide you additional responsive documents on a rolling basis—to the extent such information is not excepted from disclosure under state or federal law—with our next production by 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2023. See Tex. Gov't Code § 552.221(d).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (512) 463-5770.

Sincerely,

Adam Bitter General Counsel Office of the Texas Secretary of State generalcounsel@sos.texas.gov

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Enclosures

¹ The 15th business day from the date that the Office received your payment is today, October 5, 2023. See Tex. Gov't Code § 552.263(e) ("For purposes of Subchapters F and G, a request for a copy of public information is considered to have been received by a governmental body on the date the governmental body receives the deposit or bond for payment of anticipated costs or unpaid amounts if the governmental body's officer for public information or the officer's agent requires a deposit or bond in accordance with this section.").

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Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3:42 PM

To: Joe Esparza

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From: Jason Haug <Jason.Haug@house.texas.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 11:06 AM

To: Joe Esparza
Cc: Tori Macfarlan

Subject: FW: The Office of Representative Jacey Jetton

Attachments: Friends of Taiwan Caucus Invitation.pdf; Friends of the Republic of Korea Caucus Invitation.pdf; HCR

87.pdf

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Good morning,

I wanted to inform you on the attached caucus meetings. We plan on both respective delegations attending them. Additionally, HCR 87 will be presented in both chambers on March 23. Which the Korean consulate will be here for that and a ceremony afterward. The timing of which is still tentative, but I will keep you updated. We would love to have Secretary Nelson or yourself present for any of this. Please let me know. Thank you.

Jason Haug

Legislative Aide

Representative Jacey Jetton

From: Jason Haug

Sent: Friday, March 17, 2023 9:04 AM

To: 'thwei@mofa.gov.tw' <thwei@mofa.gov.tw>

Cc: Jacey Jetton < Jacey. Jetton@house.texas.gov>; Tori Macfarlan < Tori. Macfarlan@house.texas.gov>

Subject: The Office of Representative Jacey Jetton

Dear Sean,

On behalf of Representative Jetton and the Friends of Taiwan Caucus, I would like to extend an invitation to you and your delegation to attend our upcoming Friends of Taiwan Caucus meeting. The meeting will take place on March 23 at 3:00 pm at The Agricultural Museum in the capitol. The purpose of the meeting is for organizational purposes, and we believe that your participation and input would be invaluable to the success of the caucus.

We want to let you know that this will be a pretty quick, logistics-oriented meeting, but we would also like to discuss scheduling a more formal meeting when we will be reading the bill on the House floor. If you have any date preferences for this more formal meeting, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your schedule.

Please let us know if you are able to attend the meeting on March 23, so that we can make the necessary arrangements. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for considering this invitation. We are looking forward to your participation in the upcoming caucus meeting.

Sincerely,

Jason Haug Legislative Aide



Representative Jacey Jetton House District 26 Capitol Phone: (512) 463-0710







DISTRICT 26

March 17, 2023

Dear Members,

I invite you to attend the first meeting of the Friends of Taiwan Caucus, on March 23 at 2:30 pm in the Ag Museum. The Friends of Taiwan Caucus is a bipartisan coalition of legislators who support the strengthening of Texas' partnership with Taiwan. This meeting is open to current and prospective caucus members.

The Friends of Taiwan Caucus is a legislative caucus with no dues. Members will elect officers and adopt bylaws at the first meeting, which will take place March 23 at 2:30 pm in the Ag Museum.

If you are interested in joining the caucus or need to update your office contact information, please fill out the attached Google form https://forms.gle/LhSXrMzKTRBWgXLT7.

Please reach out to <u>Jason.Haug@house.texas.gov</u> or call (512) 463-0710 should you have any questions.







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Dear Members,

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By: Jetton H.C.R. No. 87

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The year 2023 marks the 70th anniversary of the 2 alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States; and 3 WHEREAS, In 1953, three years after the outbreak of war on the 4 Korean Peninsula, the United States and the Republic of Korea 5 signed a mutual defense treaty to strengthen their efforts for collective defense; the decades since have witnessed the evolution 6 7 of this security relationship into a comprehensive global partnership; the two countries reaffirmed their commitment to a 8 global comprehensive strategic alliance in May 2022; reflecting the 9 importance of this friendship, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol 10 11 is only the second world leader invited for a state visit by the current administration; he will be welcomed at the White House on 12 April 26, 2023; and 13 14 WHEREAS, The rise of the Republic of Korea is one of the most remarkable success stories of the post-World War II era; 15 partnership with the United States, the nation has promoted 16 regional and global prosperity stemming from shared values of 17 democracy, free markets, human rights, and the rule of law; and 18 WHEREAS, One of the linchpins of United States foreign 19 policy, the Republic of Korea has played a vital role in maintaining 20 21 peace and stability in Asia and the world; moreover, the close ties between our nations have enabled invaluable coordination and 22 23 cooperation in confronting global health crises, including H1N1 and COVID-19; the United States and the Republic of Korea have plans to 24



- 1 continue their collaboration in the years to come, working together
- 2 to stabilize the global supply chain and to develop cutting-edge
- 3 technologies, including semiconductors, autonomous robotics, and
- 4 artificial intelligence; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In addition to its longstanding relationship with
- 6 the United States as a whole, the Republic of Korea has a strong
- 7 connection to the Lone Star State in particular; Texas is home to
- 8 more than 110,000 Korean Americans, and the Republic of Korea is the
- 9 state's sixth-largest trading partner; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Bound together by mutual respect and appreciation,
- 11 as well as common interests, the Republic of Korea and the United
- 12 States take pride in an enduring friendship that has fostered
- 13 security, economic growth, and meaningful connections among the
- 14 people of both our nations; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 16 hereby commemorate the 70th anniversary of the alliance between the
- 17 Republic of Korea and the United States.



From: Adam Bitter

Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 2:02 PM

To: Robyn Morrison **Cc:** Joe Esparza

Subject: RE: From Senator Birdwell's Office RE: Question from Constituent

Robyn,

The SOS Elections Division has received multiple emails from the anonymous sender Totes Legit Votes, including several messages that were sent collectively to our office and another state's elections department.

Due to the volume of messages submitted by the same sender, Secretary of State staff is not sending an acknowledgment in response to each and every such message. However, I can confirm that we have received numerous emails from Totes Legit Votes and that we are processing these notices in accordance with Section 31.006 of the Texas Election Code. (To that end, the Office has not assigned specific "case numbers" to the notices.) The sender does not need to submit the same information via the Secretary of State's election complaint form.

As these matters remain under review by our office, I cannot provide any substantive details regarding our evaluation of such matters at this time. Please feel free to send my contact information to Mr. Camacho if he has other questions for our office. I can also answer any questions that you have as well.

Best regards,

Adam

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From: Robyn Morrison < Robyn. Morrison@senate.texas.gov>

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I don't mind the tedious paperwork and emailing all parties so long as this helps get them in the system and moves these forward as it seems giant emails of names actually makes more work for everyone vs one at a time.

But let me know if I don't need to do. Honestly it might just require a phone call with me to go through the lists and sort out what they have.

lan

On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 5:01 PM Robyn Morrison < Robyn. Morrison@senate.texas.gov > wrote:



Hello, again, Ian,

Please see additional information requested included in the response I just received from SOS:

I can look into this inquiry for you. Do you know the name of Mr. Camacho's colleague who provided information to our office and whether it was submitted via the SOS election complaint form? I need to provide our Elections Division with some identifying information regarding the matter to be able to ascertain its status.

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From: Robyn Morrison

Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 4:47 PM **To:** Adam Bitter < ABitter@sos.texas.gov > **Cc:** Joe Esparza < JEsparza@sos.texas.gov >

Subject: RE: From Senator Birdwell's Office RE: Question from Constituent

Mr. Bitter,

Thank you so much for your response. I will request the info now.

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Please feel free to contact me by phone if that is easier for you. I have included my contact information below.

Best regards,

Adam

Adam Bitter

General Counsel
Office of the Texas Secretary of State
(512) 475-2813
abitter@sos.texas.gov

From: Robyn Morrison < Robyn. Morrison@senate.texas.gov >

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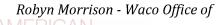
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Hello, again, Deputy Esparza,

I know how busy you must be, so I hate to bother you. The constituent contacted me and asked if our office had heard back. So, just following up on the message below sent 01.27.2023. I also left a vm 02.03.2023.

I appreciate your help!

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From: Robyn Morrison

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 2:58 PM

To: jesparza@sos.texas.gov
Subject: FW: Great to Meet You!

Hello, Mr. Esparza,

I hope you are doing well. Please see request below from constituent Ian Camacho, Research Director for Matt Braynard's Look Ahead America. Do you happen to know the answer to his question?

Thank you so much!

From: Ian Camacho

Sent: Friday, January 27, 2023 11:27 AM

To: Robyn Morrison < Robyn. Morrison@senate.texas.gov >

Subject: Great to Meet You!

Hi Robyn,

I really enjoyed our time yesterday, thank you for meeting with me in your office. What a beautiful space. Tell Senator Birdwell that he doesn't need to update it, other than maybe including a Dr. Pepper machine in the space to represent Waco!

I actually had a question for you regarding Texas items, and I am not sure if you can help but worth a try. A colleague of mine has submitted a number of potential Texas double voters to the Elections Division at the end of last year. Is there a way to find out the status of these cases if I sent them all your way in 1 email?

I don't want to send more and make double work, but it would help to know if these were received and if these are being investigated. (If not, then I will submit them one by one to the TX SOS office using their bureaucratic form.)

Thank you!

All The Best, Ian Camacho 310 775 3540

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Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 1:57 PM

To: 'Wendi Lojo' **Cc:** Corey Rose

Subject: RE: Scheduling Request - BSB Chamber

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Date: Thursday, April 6

Time: anytime between 11:15 am − 1 pm

Contact: Mike Johnson

210-365-5606

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Sent: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 11:22 AM

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Awesome! Thanks Joe. Please let me know what works best and we can get something confirmed.

Thanks, Wendi

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From: Wendi Lojo <Wendi.Lojo@house.texas.gov> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2023 9:13:20 AM **To:** Joe Esparza <JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>

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Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 10:36 AM

To: Joe Esparza

Cc: Jacob Gadde; Jacey Jetton; Tori Macfarlan **Subject:** RE: The Office of Representative Jacey Jetton

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Good morning Joe,

I just wanted to follow up with you. We have scheduled room 3W.15 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to be used by the Korean Consulate for tomorrow March 23. They will also be attending the caucus meeting at 3:00 pm in the Ag Museum.

I apologize for the late notices of everything as I know you and Senator Nelson have full schedules.

Thank you,

Jason Haug

Legislative Aide

Representative Jacey Jetton

From: Tori Macfarlan < Tori. Macfarlan@house.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 12:34 PM **To:** Joe Esparza <JEsparza@sos.texas.gov>

Cc: Jason Haug Jason.Haug@house.texas.gov; Jacob Gadde Jacob.Gadde@house.texas.gov; Jacob Gadde

<Jacey.Jetton@house.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: The Office of Representative Jacey Jetton

Hi Joe,

We have a couple of options for Thursday schedules and some things that are definitely confirmed and I highlighted a question for you:

Confirmed:

- Recognizing the Korean CG from the House floor
- Taiwan Econ and Cultural Office attending the Caucus Meeting at 2:30 in the Ag Museum (this is somewhat
 informal as they will have a more formal event at the Capitol on another day). Senator Nelson is of course
 welcome to stop by and say hello, but there will be little in the way of formal programming.
- Korean CG and Korean media attending the Korean Caucus Meeting at 3:00 in the Ag Museum
- Secretary Nelson is of course invited to participate in any part of it, but the Korean Consulate would love to have her give remarks sometime after 3:00 if she is interested and available.

Still tentative:

• Location and time for the reception with the Korean Consulate. This will likely be at 1:30ish after they adjourn on the House floor. We are keeping all of this tentative a bit because we are struggling to find a room that can



accommodate food on so little notice, but that is the only sticking point. Do you have any ideas for this? If not we will get creative. Once this time and location are nailed down, we will of course invite Secretary Nelson to this as well, though I understand this may be more of a conflict for her schedule.

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ROK Attendee Timeline

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9:20 - Meet Jason and Vinny in Rotunda

9:30 – Drop off some materials in office (if late, Vinny will bring them)

9:40 – Jason take partial group and media to Gallery

9:40 – Jacey take remainder of group to back hallway

9:45 – Jacey and four attendees must be in back hallway

10:00 - Session begins

10:30ish - Recognize them in Gallery

11:00 – Senate Session begins, group will head to that Gallery (Jason will stay with them)

1:00 - Reception begins (Jason will take group to room), Lucas will bring Resolution to reception

3:00 – Reception ends (Jason will move group to Ag Museum)

3:00-4:00 - Friends of Korea Caucus

Have a great day!

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To: Joe Esparza; Adam Bitter

Subject: SB 1070 re ERIC (notes and options)

Attachments: SB 1070 comments and proposed language 5.1.23.docx

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Hello gentlemen:

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- i) Forcing the SOS to pull out of ERIC, before there is any alternative organization; and
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- i) actively advocate within ERIC for desired changes to the ERIC membership agreement and
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I'll swing by soon, or let me know a time that works for you.

Thanks,

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Comments on SB 1070 by Hughes/Jetton

SB 1070 would force Secretary of State Nelson to withdraw Texas from ERIC. According to the Secretary of State's staff, this withdrawal would likely occur in the Summer or Fall of 2024, before the upcoming 2024 general election. Staff explains that the ERIC membership agreement requires Texas to periodically reach out to eligible but unregistered Texas voters. The next time Texas will be required to do this is likely the Summer or Fall of 2024. SB 1070 forbids Texas from participating in any organization that requires such action; see proposed subsection (e) of the bill.

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SB 1070 is not needed to allow SOS Nelson to leave ERIC, or to allow her to join (or even form) another multistate organization. SOS Nelson already has full authority under current law to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the interstate voter registration crosscheck program.

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(B) who are registered to vote in more than

one state;

(C) who are deceased; or

(D) who are not eligible to vote for

another reason, including a felony conviction; or

(E) who have improperly voted by:

(i) voting more than once in the same election

<u>in this state;</u>

(ii) voting in this state and in another state

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(iii) voting on behalf of a deceased voter.

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- (d) The cost of continuing operations with a system may not exceed one dollar for each voter identified under Subsection (a).
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 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.



From: Wendi Lojo <Wendi.Lojo@house.texas.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:03 PM

To: Joe Esparza

Subject: Scheduling Request - BSB Chamber

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Good afternoon Joe,

The Bulverde Spring Branch (BSB) Area Chamber is visiting the Capitol on April 6 and would like to meet with Secretary Nelson. The BSB Chamber supports the economic vitality for the Texas Hill Country. While this area is not in Rep. Jetton's district, Mr. Johnson, the point of contact for the chamber, is a family member our Chief of Staff so we are helping on their behalf. They are also working with Senator Campbell's office. The Chamber is open to meeting with a staff member if Secretary Nelson is not available. Here is some further information:

Date: Thursday, April 6

Time: anytime between 11:15 am − 1 pm

Contact: Mike Johnson

210-365-5606

Number of attendees: approx. 25 Reserved Capitol room: 3E.4

Chamber Link: https://bulverdespringbranchchamber.com/

Thank you for considering this request. Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Thanks, Wendi

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Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 9:13 AM

To: Joe Esparza

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Hi Joe,

I wanted to see if I can put in for another scheduling request. My daughter's school, St. Laurence Catholic School 8th grade class, is visiting the Capitol next week, Tuesday, March 28. Do you or Secretary Nelson have a few minutes to meet with the group and take a photo? If so, would 9 am work? Tori mentioned that y'all have a cool flag room that is pretty interesting to this age group??

Background: St. Laurence Catholic School provides a well-rounded Catholic education based on strong academics, development of social skills, and a commitment to community service.

- -Twice recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- -S.T.R.E.A.M. Synergy School by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
- -Voted best Private School in Fort Bend in the Fort Bend Focus Magazine

St. Laurence Catholic School 2630 Austin Pkwy Sugar Land, TX 77479 www.stlaurence.org

Date: Tuesday, March 28

Time: 9 am

Attendees: 40 Total = 30-8th grade students, 10- adult chaperones

Teacher Contact: Cynthia Washburn,

Contact: Wendi Lojo, 832-723-5011, wendi.lojo@house.texas.gov

Purpose: The school is visiting the Capitol as part of Catholic Advocacy Day. They will be participating in a Rally with the Bishops as well as attending Mock Hearings to learn about the legislative process

Please let me know if you need any other information or if you have any questions.

Thanks, Wendi



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