



April 10, 2024
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**Subject: Chicago Park District response to FOIA request
FOIA No. 5538**

Dear Requestor,

On March 20, 2024, the Chicago Park District (The "Park District") received your Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

"Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act., I hereby request the following records:

[Part 1] Records sufficient to show the following email logs: A log of all emails to/from Heather Keil from March 1, 2024 through the date this request is processed. The logs should include but not be limited to: sender, recipient(s), date, time, subject line, and attachment name. Please include emails where Heather is cc'ed and bcc'ed and provide this log in an .xls format.

[Part 2] Records sufficient to show the following email logs: A log of all emails to/from Erika Saltzman from March 1, 2024 through the date this request is processed. The logs should include but not be limited to: sender, recipient(s), date, time, subject line, and attachment name. Please include emails where Erika is cc'ed and bcc'ed and provide this log in an .xls format.

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

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On March 27, 2024, the Park District responded to this FOIA 5538 advising the request would require the review of over 3000 lines of a spreadsheet (if we were to compile the requested email information) to evaluate the emails, including subject line, for privileged, predecisional, and other confidential communications appropriately exempt pursuant to FOIA. See e.g. 5 ILCS 140/7 (f) and (m). The email logs you requested are for the email communications of two individuals working as attorneys in the District's Law Department, where many, if not most, of the emails would be exempt pursuant to attorney-client privilege. 5 ILCS 140/7(m). The FOIA request as currently written is unduly burdensome on the daily operations of the Chicago Park District. Under Section 3(g) of FOIA, we extended to you an opportunity to modify your request to make it more manageable and reasonable, offered a telephone conference to discuss narrowing your request at the phone number 312-742-0867, and extended the time for this FOIA 5538 to April 3, 2024.

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On April 3, 2024, the Park District emailed you again extending the opportunity to narrow your request and offering to confer via phone at 312-742-0867 and extending the time for this FOIA 5538 to April 10, 2024.

Since we have not heard from you on narrowing this request, the Park District is closing this FOIA 5538.

In the case of a denial, pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a) you may file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
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(877) 299-3642

Thank you for your interest in obtaining documents from the Park District.

Sincerely,

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