



OFFICE OF MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

CITY OF CHICAGO

January 11, 2018

J. Ader

47219-36066256@requests.muckrock.com

Dear J. Ader:

On behalf of the City of Chicago Office of the Mayor ("Mayor's Office"), I am responding to your Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request received on January 4, 2018, in which you are seeking:

All communications sent to or from this office referencing the terms "sanctuary city," "sanctuary cities," or variations thereof from the period January 1, 2017 through December 1st, 2017.

Please be advised that your request as currently written is burdensome. We are unable to run a search based upon a department. In order to effectively run an email search, the Mayor's Office needs the e-mail addresses or employee names of the accounts you wish searched for individuals within the Mayor's Office. Without the names or email addresses of specific employees, the Mayor's Office would need to review all department emails in this timeframe to determine whether any are responsive to your request. Such an undertaking would pose an immense burden on the department.

Please also be advised that your request for "variations" of the terms "sanctuary city" and "sanctuary cities" does not sufficiently identify the records you are seeking. The Mayor's Office requires direction from you as to which specific terms you wish searched as we are not in a position to determine other terms you might find relevant for your purposes. If you agree to narrow your request, the Mayor's Office will search the two terms that you have already provided. If you have additional terms you wish searched, please provide them.

It is necessary that your FOIA request be narrowed and clarified. If you would like assistance in narrowing your request, please contact me, and I will assist you. Otherwise, for the reasons provided above, the Mayor's Office is unable to respond to your FOIA request as currently drafted.

If you agree to narrow your request, you must submit a revised written request to my attention. The Mayor's Office will take no further action or send you any further correspondence unless and until your current request is narrowed in writing. If we do not receive your narrowed request within fourteen (14) calendar days of the date of this letter, your current request will be denied.

In the event that we do not receive a narrowed request and your current FOIA request is therefore denied, you have the right to have a denial reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, (877) 299-3642. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shannon Leonard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Shannon Leonard
Freedom of Information Officer