



## OFFICE OF MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL

### CITY OF CHICAGO

January 23, 2018

J. Ader

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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 15, 2018, in which you are seeking:

*All communications referencing the terms "sanctuary city", "sanctuary cities", "city of sanctuary", "cities of sanctuary:", "city of refuge", "refugee", and/or "refugees" from the period January 1, 2017 through December 1st, 2017 either sent or received from employee email addresses belonging to the following Mayor's Office staff: Rahm Emanuel, Brooke Collins*

Your request is unduly burdensome. Section 3(g) of FOIA provide that "requests for all records falling within a category shall be complied with unless compliance with the request would be unduly burdensome for the complying public body and there is no way to narrow the request and the burden on the public body outweighs the public interest in the information."

A search resulted in approximately 1,200 hits. In order to produce the requested records, approximately 1,200 emails and correspondence would need to be reviewed, and information exempt under FOIA would need to be redacted. It is estimated that it would take, at a minimum, 1 hour to review, redact, and produce 20 documents. Therefore, it would take approximately to 60 to 120 hours to review, redact, and produce the emails and correspondence that you requested. For these reasons, the staff and/ or resources necessary for your FOIA request are unduly burdensome on the daily operations of the Mayor's Office.

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".

Shannon Leonard  
Freedom of Information Officer