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May 18, 2018

Ms. Alice Valkova

By e-mail: 53822-26240905@requests.muckrock.com

RE: Public Information Request Received May 14, 2018

Dear Ms. Valkova:

This letter is in response to your public information request received by the Texas Ethics Commission ("Commission") on May 14, 2018. Specifically, you requested "any records regarding officeholder and candidate: current Leon County Texas District Attorney Hope Knight who has held office since 2015," including but not limited to any campaign finance reports, any personal financial statements, any corrected reports or statements, and correspondence to or from the Commission that are specifically addressing or referencing the requested individual. You stated that your request does not include information that is confidential by law. You also stated that your request for correspondence excludes any generic informational notices regarding filing deadlines or other news that the Commission sends to groups of filer types.

You also requested a waiver of charges for the information under section 552.267 of the Government Code. The executive director has determined that no waiver will be granted. Therefore, all charges for the information you requested will be determined in accordance with subchapter F of the Public Information Act and the rules promulgated by the Office of the Attorney General.

A candidate or officeholder for a single-county district office, such as district attorney, is required to file campaign finance reports with the county clerk (or the county elections administrator or tax assessor, as applicable) and not with the Commission. Section 252.005, Election Code. Therefore, a search of our records revealed no information responsive to your request under the Texas Public Information Act regarding campaign finance reports filed with our office. You may wish to contact the elections administrator in Leon County for any campaign finance reports filed by the requested individual.

The requested individual was required to file personal financial statements (PFSs) with the Commission in accordance with chapter 572 of the Government Code as a candidate/officeholder for the office of district attorney. We can provide electronic copies of the PFSs filed by Hope Knight (TEC Filer ID #00070580) from January 1, 2015 (the year of first filing), through the date the information is gathered, including any corrected PFSs. The information would include six (6) documents that have been scanned into a PDF format.

Please note that pursuant to section 572.032(a-1) of the Government Code (as amended by H.B. 776, 85th Leg., R.S. (2017) effective June 15, 2017), the Commission is required to remove the home address, the telephone number, and the names of the dependent children of an individual from all PFSs filed by the individual under chapter 572 of the Government Code before permitting a member of the public to view the statement or providing a

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copy of the statement to a member of the public. This requirement applies to all PFSs filed with the Commission, regardless of when they are filed. Therefore, we will provide the PFSs with the necessary redactions.

We can also provide electronic copies of any correspondence sent or received by the Commission specifically addressing or referencing the requested individual, including documents such as: letters pertaining to civil penalties that have been assessed through the administrative process in connection with a PFS filed by the individual after the filing deadline; any affidavits filed by the individual regarding a late-filing penalty; any documents regarding the waiver or payment of a late-filing penalty; any other documents related to the individual's filing obligations with the Commission; and any other correspondence referencing the individual. The information would not include generic notices regarding filing requirements that are sent to groups of filer types. The information would include approximately 10 documents that have been scanned into a PDF format.

We anticipate that we would be able to either deliver the approximately 16 PDF documents to you in a compressed .ZIP (WinZip) file as an e-mail attachment or make the information available to you in a Dropbox folder, which can be accessed using an internet link provided to you by e-mail. In the alternative, we could download the PDFs on a CD and deliver the information to you by U.S. Mail for an additional cost for the CD and postage.

In accordance with the cost regulations promulgated by the Texas Attorney General, the charges for providing the information are as follows:

.25 hour of general personnel time @ \$15 per hour:	\$ 3.75
Overhead for labor @ 20% of general personnel time (.20 * \$3.75):	\$.75
Total (if delivered by e-mail or Dropbox):	\$ 4.50
1 CD @ \$1.00/each (if applicable):	\$ 1.00
Postage @ cost (if applicable):	\$ 1.19
Total (if delivered by U.S. Mail):	\$ 6.69

If you agree to the charges as stated in this letter, please inform us of your approval of **\$4.50** for the requested information if delivered electronically (or \$6.69 if delivered by U.S. Mail). We anticipate that the information will be prepared within five (5) business days of receipt of your approval of the charges. Once the information is prepared, we can provide the information to you after receipt of your payment. You may submit payment by contacting our Disclosure Filings Division at 512-463-5800 to pay by credit card, or by returning a copy of this letter with a check made payable to the Texas Ethics Commission for the total amount.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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