

EXHIBIT 1

Dear Sir or Madam,

Under the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (the “FOIA”), I request as a journalist along with my colleague Rebecca Hersher and on behalf of our employer NPR that the Department of Housing and Urban Development make available to me for inspection and copying the following documents (which include electronic records):

-All the property sales records in the Single Family Acquired Asset Management System (SAMS) from Jan.1st, 2017 to Aug. 6, 2020. Each sales record should contain the following fields or attributes-

- address,
- case number,
- city,
- date acquired,
- date closed,
- date reconciled,
- zip code,
- state code,
- latitude,
- longitude,
- street name,
- street number,
- listing price,
- sale price

-As well as any other attributes that the SAMS database contains except for names of buyers and sellers.

We prefer that the records be made available for us in a machine-readable spreadsheet format like .csv, .xlsx, .dat, delivered through online means like email and Dropbox.

As you know, the FOIA provides that if portions of a document are exempt from release, the remainder must be segregated and disclosed. Therefore, please send me all non-exempt portions of the records I have requested and justify any deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the FOIA. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any materials.

Since some of the documents listed above may be more readily available than others, please provide the documents that are available as soon as possible without waiting to provide access to all the documents.

The FOIA provides for waiver or reduction of fees if disclosure could be considered as “primarily benefiting the general public.” I am a journalist employed by NPR and intend to use the information I am requesting as a basis for a planned news story, which makes me a “representative of the news media.”

Therefore, I ask that you waive all duplication fees. If you deny this request, however, and the fees will exceed \$250, please notify me of the charges before you fulfill my request so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a waiver.

I submit this request in my capacity as a journalist, and this information is time-sensitive. Accordingly, I would appreciate your communicating with me by email jhuo@npr.org or by phone at 202-513-2664, rather than by mail, if you have any questions regarding this request. You can also communicate with anyone in NPR’s Legal Department, including Micah Ratner, at mratner@npr.org.

I look forward to receiving your reply within twenty (20) business days, as required by federal law.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with this FOIA request.

Sincerely,

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