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January 23, 2025

Mr. Owen Wang
DuPage Policy Journal

Re: January 22, 2025 FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Wang:

I am pleased to help you with your January 22, 2025 Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"). The Village of Bensenville received your request on January 22, 2025. You requested copies of the items indicated below:

"We seek to obtain any and all records related to the involvement or agreements between your organizations and the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), including but not limited to:

- *Any and all agreements, memorandums of understanding (MOUs), or contracts between your village and ICE regarding the detention, transfer, and removal of individuals deemed as illegal aliens or undocumented immigrants.*
- *Records of any financial transactions or reimbursements received from ICE.*
- *Communications between city officials and ICE regarding policies, strategies, or actions targeting illegal alien criminals within the community or held in local jails.*
- *Any policies, guidelines, or training materials provided to local law enforcement or jail staff about cooperating with ICE.*
- *Minutes of meetings where ICE cooperation was discussed.*
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As a member of the media, I am involved in gathering and reporting news to the public. Access to public records is essential for me to fulfill my professional responsibilities, which include holding public institutions accountable and providing transparency to the public. Given my role in disseminating information, I believe I am eligible for a fee waiver as a media professional."

After a search of Village files, there were no records found responsive to your request.

Moving forward, please submit all FOIA request to: FOIArequest@bensenville.il.us

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns in connection with this response.

Very truly yours,


Corey Williamsen
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Bensenville

From: Evan Summers
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 2:03 PM
To: Corey Williamsen
Subject: FW: FOIA Request - Cooperation with ICE

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Per our conversation. Thanks.

Regards,
Mary Ribando,
630-350-3405 Office

From: foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com <foia@dupagepolicyjournal.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 12:12 PM
To: Evan Summers <ESummers@bensenville.il.us>
Subject: FOIA Request - Cooperation with ICE

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization.

To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from DuPage Policy Journal, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format:

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Please let me know if you have any questions,

Owen Wang,

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