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Via email: tiffbamorgan@gmail.com

Tiffany Morgan
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Re: Open Records Request

Dear Ms. Morgan:

Thank you for your request to view county records. The Department of Voting, Registration and Election (“VRE”) has received your attached open records request. Therein, you requested to view: “*all ballot transfer forms from the November 3 general election.*”

DeKalb County and VRE are currently operating within its COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan. These remote operations and VRE’s current workload greatly impact how soon responsive records can be provided. Consequently, it has not yet been determined if responsive records to your request exist. VRE is expected to make this determination within thirty (30) business days.

Once VRE determines what, if any, responsive records exist, you will be informed. In most cases, VRE’s response will fall in one (or a combination) of the following categories:

1. *If responsive records exist, you will be informed of any costs associated with the research, retrieval and production of those records; and, a projected timeline of when these records can be made available to you will be discussed.*
2. *If responsive records do not exist or if specific records are not maintained by VRE, we will communicate this fact; in this instance, VRE will not be able to provide responsive records.*
3. *If responsive records exist, but are not subject to release, a correspondence citing the specific statute that prevents disclosure of the records will be provided to you.*

Thank you for your patience during thistime. As VRE continues to process this request, please note that the County, its officials, and departments do not produce documents or records that are protected under the attorney-client privilege or the attorney work product doctrine under Georgia or federal law or that are otherwise exempt from production under the Georgia Open Records Act. The County expressly reserves and does not waive statutory exemptions from disclosure provided by O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72 et seq. and other applicable laws.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns related to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dexter Q. Bond, Jr.

Assistant County Attorney

cc: Niki McDonald, Supervising Attorney
Erica Hamilton, Director of VRE
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