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[REDACTED]
The Southtown Star
6901 W. 159th Street
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Mr. Thomas K. Mick
Village Manager
Village of Park Forest
350 Victory Drive
Park Forest, IL 60466

RE: FOIA Pre-Approval Request – No. PAC 5939

Dear [REDACTED] and Mr. Mick:

The Office of the Public Access Counselor has received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Park Forest (“Park Forest”) of its intent to deny [REDACTED] request for documents, in part, based on subsection 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/9.5(b) (FOIA).

[REDACTED] request includes the dates of birth for all municipal employees and those paid by the Village of Park Forest. Based on subsection 7(1)(c), Park Forest seeks to redact all dates of birth from the requested documents.

As a result of this review, we have determined that it is **appropriate** for Park Forest to decline to disclose dates of birth pursuant subsection 7(1)(c). Depending on the circumstance, age can be a highly personal subject. Dates of birth, by their very nature, may be considered personal information, the disclosure of which could constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy in accordance with subsection 7(1)(c). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). Therefore, pre-authorization is **granted** and Park Forest may send the documentation to [REDACTED] with appropriate redactions. This letter shall serve to close this matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-6437.

Sincerely,

Cara Smith
Public Access Counselor

By:

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Assistant Public Access Counselor