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Ms. Laura Godette
Freedom of Information Officer
Village of Tinley Park
16250 S. Oak Park Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477

RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2011 PAC 13580

Dear Ms. Godette:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Village of Tinley Park of its intention to deny disclosure of certain information under section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010). On April 13, 2011, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request for "[a]ny and all police issues in the area around [REDACTED]" The Village is seeking to redact the names of complainants pursuant to section 7(1)(c).

It is not necessary for the Public Access Counselor (PAC) to determine whether the Village may redact the names of complainants under section 7(1)(c) of FOIA. These names appear to fall within the scope of section 7(1)(d)(iv) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(d) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010), which exempts information to the extent that disclosure would "unavoidably disclose the identity of a confidential source, confidential information furnished only by the confidential source, or persons who file complaints with or provide information" to law enforcement officials.

Please note that FOIA only requires public bodies to submit a notice of intention to deny the disclosure of information under section 7(1)(c) and section 7(1)(f) (5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f) (West 2009 Supp.), as amended by Public Act 96-1378, effective July 29, 2010). (5 ILCS 140/9.5(b) (West 2009 Supp.).

Therefore, the Village does not require pre-authorization from the PAC to redact the names of complainants under Section 7(1)(d)(iv), and may issue a partial denial letter directly to Mr. Riedas.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (312) 814-6756. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Very truly yours,

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