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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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RE: Pre-Authorization Request — 2010 PAC 7972

Dear Mr. Costello:

We have received and reviewed the written notice from the Office of the Illinois Attorney General (AG's Office) of its intention to deny disclosure of persons' names and addresses contained in certain Requests for Review, pursuant to Section 7(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

On June 4, 2010, [REDACTED] submitted a FOIA request to the AG's Office, seeking a copy of the Request for Review submitted for the following seven PAC cases: PAC2010005793; PAC2010006376; PAC 2010006790; PAC2010005948; PAC20106949; PAC 2010005934; and PAC2010005945.

In its written notice, the AG's Office asserts that persons' names and addresses contained in the requested Request for Review files are exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA because disclosure of their names and addresses would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Determination

Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA exempts from inspection and copying "[p]ersonal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c). The exemption defines "[u]nwarranted invasion of personal privacy" as "the disclosure of information that is highly personal or objectionable to a reasonable person and in which the subject's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information." *Id.*

The AG's Office's use of the Section 7(1)(c) exemption with regard to the names of the individuals who submitted the requested Requests for Review is **approved**. We have determined

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that the disclosure of the name of the person/requester in each of the seven Requests for Review would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person and the requester's right to privacy outweighs any legitimate public interest in disclosing this information. Therefore, the AG's Office has met its burden of demonstrating that the names of the requesters is exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA.

Please note that personal addresses may be redacted pursuant to Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA and do not require pre-authorization from our office.

Accordingly, the AG's Office may issue a partial denial letter directly to [REDACTED] and release the record to him with the appropriate information redacted. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-6437. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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Public Access Counselor

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