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STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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Ms. Lola Dada-Olley
Associate General Counsel
Office of the Governor
100 W. Randolph Street, 16th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60601

RE: Pre-Authorization Request – 2010-PAC 9247

Dear Ms. Dada-Olley:

We have received written notice from the Office of the Governor (OG) of its intention to withhold certain information from disclosure under Section 7(1)(f) of the Freedom of Information Act 5 ILCS 140/1 *et. seq.*, as amended (FOIA).

Specifically, Ray Long, on behalf of the Chicago Tribune, submitted a FOIA request on August 24, 2010 seeking the following documents:

1. The most recent list of all Governor Quinn's appointments since he became governor;
2. Specific dates of appointments, salary, term and previous occupant of the position; and
3. Any and all recommendations, including, but not limited to, letters emails and documents from any and all people who have made recommendations for positions filled since July 15.

On August 24, 2010 the OG filed a pre-authorization request with this Office asserting that a July 22, 2010 interoffice memorandum regarding a candidate for the International Port District Board is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 7(1)(f) of FOIA which exempts from inspection and copying "preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies are formulated, except that a specific record or relevant portion of a record shall not be exempt when the record is publicly cited and identified by the head of the public body." 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(f).

Determination

The OG's request for approval to withhold documents pursuant to Section 7(1)(f) is hereby approved.

This Office has reviewed the memorandum and determined that it is preliminary in nature and expresses opinions about a particular candidate's qualification for the International Port District Board.


Based on our analysis, the OG has met its burden under Section 7(1)(f) and may withhold the memorandum.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (312) 814-5383. This correspondence shall serve to close this matter.

Sincerely,

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Public Access Counselor

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