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RE: Request for Pre-Approval, 7(1)(c) – No. 2010-PAC-9233

Dear Mr. Goodloe:

We have received and reviewed the written notice under Section 9.5(b) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/9.5(b)) you submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the River Forest Police Pension Fund (Board) of its intention to redact the birth dates of individuals identified in records requested by [REDACTED] his FOIA request dated August 19, 2010, as exempt from disclosure under Section 7(1)(c) of FOIA. This section of FOIA provides for the exemption of personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless consented to in writing by the subject of the information. 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c).

As a result of this review, we have determined that it is appropriate for the Board to decline to disclose the portions of the record responsive to this request which contain dates of birth under Section 7(1)(c). An individual's date of birth is information which is highly personal, the release of which may be objectionable to a reasonable person, and the subject's right to privacy with regard to this information outweighs any legitimate public interest in obtaining the information. Further, the redacted information does not bear on the public duties of public employees. Accordingly, the Board's request to assert the "unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" exemption under 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) is hereby approved and no further inquiry into this matter is warranted.

This correspondence shall serve to close this file.

Sincerely,

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