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State of Texas

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Ms. Elizabeth B. Hawkins
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OR98-0826

Dear Ms. Hawkins:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 113731.

The City of Los Indios (the "city") received a request for a copy of all city minutes and the city charter, as well as all city codes and regulations. You state that you will provide the requestor a copy of the city charter and city code. However, you claim that the remaining information may be excepted from disclosure under section 552.103 of the Government Code.

You express concern that you cannot determine with specificity the city minutes sought by the requestor. We note that a governmental body must make a good faith effort to relate a request to information which it holds. Open Records Decision No. 561 (1990). However, when a governmental body is presented with a broad or vague request for information rather than a request for specific records, it should advise the requestor of the types of information available so that he may narrow his request. Open Records Decision No. 563 (1990).

You have repeatedly asked the requestor to clarify his request for information but received no response. We believe that the city has made a good-faith effort in this case to respond to the request. Therefore, this office will close this file without issuing a decision. We note, however, that once the requestor has indicated which records are sought, you must

release them unless they are otherwise made confidential by law. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "June B. Harden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

June B. Harden
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Ref.: ID#113731

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