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Ms. Susan K. Bohn
General Counsel
Lake Travis Independent School District
3322 Ranch Road 620 South
Austin, Texas 78738

OR2009-16309

Dear Ms. Bohn:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Public Information Act (the "Act"), chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 361582 (Lake Travis Request No. 082709-R583/DL 4041).

The Lake Travis Independent School District (the "district") received a request for "any and all receipts for reimbursements and/or payments made to reimburse volunteers for expenses incurred in the performance of volunteer services since my last request on this matter made on 11/17/2008." You state the district has provided some of the responsive documents to the requestor. You claim portions of the submitted information are excepted from disclosure under section 552.137 of the Government Code.¹ We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information. We have also considered comments submitted by the requestor. *See* Gov't Code § 552.304(a) (providing that a person may submit comments stating why information should or should not be released).

Initially, we note that two of the submitted documents, which we have marked, are not responsive as they do not fall within the time frame specified by the requestor. In addition, you inform us that the requestor has agreed to exclude account numbers from his request, thus such information is not responsive to the instant request. The district need not release

¹You inform us that the district no longer asserts section 552.136 of the Government Code for the submitted information.

non-responsive information in response to this request, and this ruling will not address that information.

You contend that the e-mail addresses you have marked in the information at issue are subject to section 552.137 of the Government Code. Section 552.137 excepts from disclosure “an e-mail address of a member of the public that is provided for the purpose of communicating electronically with a governmental body” unless the member of the public consents to its release or the e-mail address is of a type specifically excluded by subsection (c). *See* Gov’t Code § 552.137(a)-(c). The e-mail addresses you have marked are not a type specifically excluded by section 552.137(c). Thus, unless the district receives consent for their release, the marked e-mail addresses must be withheld under section 552.137 of the Government Code. *See id.* § 552.137(b). As no other exceptions to disclosure are raised, the remaining information must be released.

This letter ruling is limited to the particular information at issue in this request and limited to the facts as presented to us; therefore, this ruling must not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other information or any other circumstances.

This ruling triggers important deadlines regarding the rights and responsibilities of the governmental body and of the requestor. For more information concerning those rights and responsibilities, please visit our website at http://www.oag.state.tx.us/open/index_orl.php, or call the Office of the Attorney General’s Open Government Hotline, toll free, at (877) 673-6839. Questions concerning the allowable charges for providing public information under the Act must be directed to the Cost Rules Administrator of the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)