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Dear Ms. Nicholson:

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# 575119.

The City of Austin (the "city") received a request for information concerning billing and payment records for two named individuals. The city released information responsive to the request but made redactions as permitted by section 552.024 of the Government Code without requesting a decision from this office. Gov't Code § 552.024(c)(2). Pursuant to section 552.024(c-1), the requestor has asked this office to review the information and render a decision as to whether it is excepted from disclosure under section 552.117 of the Government Code. *Id.* § 552.024(c-1). We have considered the city's position and reviewed the information.

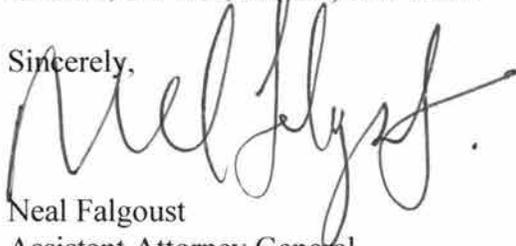
Section 552.117 of the Government Code excepts from disclosure the home address and telephone number, emergency contact information, social security number, and family member information of current or former officials or employees of a governmental body who request this information be kept confidential under section 552.024 of the Government Code. *Id.* § 552.117(a). However, section 552.117 applies only to information held in an employment context. Although the individual whose information is at issue is a former employee, the information was created subsequent to the individual's employment with the city and is not held in an employment context. Accordingly, the city may not withhold the

information you redacted under section 552.117(a)(1) of the Government Code. As you raise no other exceptions, the city must release the information you redacted.

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.texasattorneygeneral.gov/open/orl_ruling_info.shtml, 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 may be directed to the Office of the Attorney General, toll free, at (888) 672-6787.

Sincerely,



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