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Ms. Debbie F. Harrison
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OR2015-17046

Dear Ms. Harrison:

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# 578257.

The Collin County District Attorney's Office (the "district attorney's office") received a request for "a list of the 12 members and two alternates for [a specified grand jury] and the city where each member resides." You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.101 and 552.107(2) of the Government Code.¹ We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 552.107(2) of the Government Code provides that information is excepted from disclosure if "a court by order has prohibited disclosure of the information." Gov't Code § 552.107(2). You have submitted a copy of a court order that provides in part:

The Court ORDERS that, pursuant to Article 19.42 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the name and personal information of each grand juror of the 416th District Court, July Term 2015, collected by the court, court personnel, district clerk, or prosecuting attorney, are confidential and may not be

¹Although you do not cite to section 552.107(2) of the Government Code in your brief, we understand you to raise this exception based on your argument.

disclosed by the court, court personnel, district clerk, or prosecuting attorney without prior permission of the Court.

Order Securing the Names and Personal Information of the Grand Jurors (416th Dist. Ct., Collin County, Tex., June 25, 2015). You explain the submitted information consists of the names and personal information of the grand jurors specified in the submitted court order. Based on your representations and our review, we agree a court by order has prohibited disclosure of the submitted information. Accordingly, the district attorney's office must withhold the submitted information under section 552.107(2) of the Government Code.²

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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Open Records Division

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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)

²As our ruling is dispositive, we need not address your remaining arguments against disclosure of the submitted information.