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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

September 8, 2015

Mr. Ken E. Bost
Director
Brazos County Health District
201 North Texas Avenue
Bryan, Texas 77803

OR2015-18650

Dear Mr. Bost:

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# 578486.

The Brazos County Health District (the "district") received a request for the name of a specified complainant. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.137 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Initially, we note the request is for only the name of a specified complainant. Accordingly, the submitted information that does not consist of the requested name is not responsive to the instant request. The district need not release nonresponsive information in response to this request, and this ruling will not address that information.

Section 552.137 of the Government Code 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). Gov't Code § 552.137(a)-(c). You seek to withhold the responsive information under section 552.137 of the Government Code. However, the responsive information does not consist of an e-mail address. Thus, the district may not withhold the responsive information on that basis. As you raise no other exceptions to disclosure, the district must release the responsive information.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cristian Rosas-Grillet', with a long, sweeping underline.

Cristian Rosas-Grillet
Assistant Attorney General
Open Records Division

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Ref: ID# 578486

Enc. Submitted documents

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