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Dear Ms. Davidson:

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# 607858.

The Bexar Appraisal District (the "district"), which you represent, received a request for information presented by the district at the 2015 appraisal review board hearing for three specified parcels. You claim the submitted information is excepted from disclosure under sections 552.103 and 552.149 of the Government Code. We have considered the exceptions you claim and reviewed the submitted information.

Section 25.195(a) of the Tax Code provides:

After the chief appraiser has submitted the appraisal records to the appraisal review board as provided by Section 25.22(a), a property owner or the owner's designated agent is entitled to inspect and copy the appraisal records relating to property of the property owner, together with supporting data, schedules, and, except as provided by Subsection (b), any other material or information held by the chief appraiser or required by Section 25.01(c) to be provided to the appraisal district under a contract for appraisal services, including material or information obtained under Section 22.27, that is obtained or used in making appraisals for the appraisal records relating to that property.

Tax Code § 25.195(a). Section 25.195(a) grants a property owner a specific right of access to appraisal records relating to the property of the property owner and supporting data,

schedules, and other information obtained or used in making appraisals for the appraisal records relating to that property. You inform us the requestor is the representative of two of the parcels at issue. Thus, the requestor has a right of access to the submitted appraisal supporting data relating to the properties of the requestor's clients (the "clients"). We understand the submitted information also pertains to properties other than the clients' properties and this information was used in appraising the clients' properties. Thus, Exhibit B consists of appraisal supporting data that is related to the clients' properties. Therefore, section 25.195(a) provides the requestor with a right of access to Exhibit B. Although you seek to withhold the information at issue under sections 552.103 and 552.149, we note exceptions to disclosure under the Act generally do not apply to information made public by other statutes, such as section 25.195(a). *See* Open Records Decision Nos. 623 at 3 (1994), 525 at 3 (1989). Thus, the district may not withhold Exhibit B under sections 552.103 and 552.149 of the Act. Accordingly, the district must release the submitted information to the requestor pursuant to section 25.195(a) of the Tax Code.

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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Enc. Submitted documents

c: Requestor
(w/o enclosures)