



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
FINANCIAL LITIGATION AND CHARITABLE TRUSTS DIVISION

**REQUEST TO EXAMINE**

To: Valerie Barker, President  
American Gateways  
314 E. Highland Mall Blvd., Suite 501  
Austin, Texas 78752-3733

*Via CMRRR #7004 1160 0000 7310 6824*

Re: The Attorney General's Investigation of American Gateways

The Office of the Attorney General, as the representative of the public's interest in charity, is charged under Texas law with the power and duty to protect and enforce the public interest in charitable nonprofit organizations and charitable trusts. In this capacity, this office reviews charitable nonprofit entities to determine compliance with Texas law and the common law fiduciary duties of trustees of charitable trusts and officers, directors, and employees of charitable nonprofit organizations.

American Gateways is a charitable nonprofit corporation located in Texas and recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Pursuant to this office's authority under Texas law, including Section 252.010 et seq. of the Texas Business Organizations Code the Attorney General is issuing this Request to Examine ("RTE"), requesting that American Gateways produce the documents set forth in Attachment "A." This material shall be produced and made available at American Gateways' primary place of business on **December 21, 2022**. In the alternative, the requested material may be sent, preferably in electronic format, to the following address on or before **December 22, 2022**: Office of the Attorney General, Charitable Trusts Section, Consumer Protection Division, P.O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711.

Duty to Supplement

American Gateways and its board and officers are given notice that this Request to Examine remains effective until the Attorney General's investigation is completed and that American Gateways has a continuing duty to supplement its responses and to continue the production of documents and records that are within the scope of these requests. Additionally, as the investigation progresses, the Attorney General may request additional documents pursuant to one or more Supplemental Requests to Examine.

**ISSUED THIS 22nd day of November, 2022.**

/s/ Mary T. Henderson

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**ATTACHMENT A****A. Definitions**

For purposes of this Request to Examine (“RTE”), the terms used herein shall have the following meanings:

1. "American Gateways" shall mean American Gateways, as well as all persons acting or purporting to act on behalf of such entity, including any attorney, trustee, director, officer, agent, employee, consultant, volunteer or other representative.
2. "And" and "or" shall be construed either conjunctively or disjunctively as required by the context to bring within the scope of this RTE any document that might be deemed outside its scope by another construction.
3. “Bank account” shall mean any savings, checking, investment or trust account held in the name of American Gateways, or of any person, as defined herein, for the benefit of American Gateways.
4. “Compensation” shall mean and include all benefits of any value, monetary or otherwise, including but not limited to, salary, insurance, pay for unused sick leave and vacation leave, overtime, deferred compensation, number of days off, including both sick and vacation time, reimbursements, privileges, memberships, and use of American Gateways’ property and assets.
5. "Document" and "documents" shall be used in their broadest sense. Document shall include all written, printed, typed, recorded, computer-generated, computer-stored, or electronically stored matter or graphic matter of every kind and description, both originals and copies, and all attachments and appendices thereto that are in your possession, custody or control. Without limiting the term "control," a document is deemed to be within your control if you have ownership, possession or custody of the document, or the right to secure the document or copy thereof from any person or public or private entity having control thereof.
6. “Donor restricted gift(s),” “donor restricted fund(s),” or “donor restricted asset(s)” shall mean a gift, grant, contribution, or donation intended by a donor or grantor to be used for a specific purpose or on behalf of a specific entity as well as a gift, grant, or donation intended by a donor or grantor to be held in perpetuity or for any other specified time period, regardless of whether income from that donation is designated for a specific purpose or may be used for general operations. Donor restricted gifts may be restricted as to purpose and/or duration.
7. To “identify” an individual means you shall state that individual’s:
  - (i) name;
  - (ii) current or last known telephone numbers at business and home; and

- (iii) current or last known business and home addresses.
8. To “identify” a person other than an individual means to state:
- (i) the full name;
  - (ii) the nature of its organization;
  - (iii) the address and telephone number of its principal offices and, if applicable, the state in which it is incorporated; and
  - (iv) its principal line of business or activity.
9. To “identify” any other tangible thing means:
- (i) to identify what it is, giving a reasonably detailed description thereof;
  - (ii) to state when, where, and how it was made, if applicable;
  - (iii) to identify who made it, if applicable; and
  - (v) identify its current custodian or the person that had last known possession, custody, or control thereof.
10. A “person” shall include any individual, institution, corporation, association, joint venture, firm, proprietorship, agency, board, authority, commission or other entity.
11. "Relate(d) to" and "relating to" shall include, without limitation, all information that directly or indirectly contains, records, reflects, summarizes, evaluates, refers to, indicates, or comments upon or discusses the operations, conduct, and management of American Gateways or that in any manner states the background of, or was the basis or were the bases for, or that record, evaluate, comment upon, or were referred to, relied upon, utilized, generated, transmitted, or received in arriving at any person’s conclusion(s), opinion(s), estimate(s), position(s), decision(s), belief(s), or assertion(s) concerning the operations, conduct, and management of American Gateways.
12. “RTE” shall mean this Request to Examine issued pursuant to §§ 252.010 et seq., Texas Business Organizations Code.
13. “You” and “your” shall refer to American Gateways and shall include all persons acting or purporting to act on behalf of American Gateways, including any attorney, director, officer, agent, employee, consultant, volunteer or other representative.

**B. Instructions**

- 1. Refer to the definitions above in responding to the requests.
- 2. Respond to each of the following requests individually and in writing, indicating whether American Gateways has documents responsive to each request.
- 3. If you do not control the documents requested, expressly respond to each request indicating that you do not control the document(s) and identify the person(s) who has control of the document(s).

4. When providing documents, please note to which request the documents respond. For each request, provide all documents unless indicated otherwise.

5. *All requests are for the period January 1, 2012 to the present, unless otherwise specified.*

**C. Requests: Documents to be Produced**

1. Correspondence to and from the Texas Bar Foundation.

2. Documents related to the receipt, use, and expenditure of grant funds received from the Texas Bar Foundation, including but not limited to, budgets, general ledger entries, bank statements, and checks.



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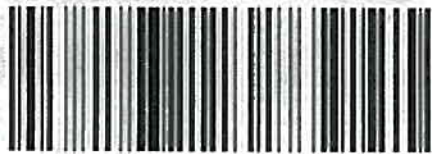
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