



February 6, 2026

**VIA Electronic Delivery**

Office of the Arizona Secretary of State  
Attn: Legal Services  
1700 W. Washington Street, Fl. 7  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2808  
pr@azsos.gov

**Re: Public Records Request**

Dear Custodian of Records:

Pursuant to the Arizona Public Records Law, A.R.S. Stat. §§ 39-121 et seq., Democracy Forward Foundation submits this request for records.

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Democracy Forward Foundation requests that the Arizona Secretary of State produce the following:

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Arizona Office of the Secretary of State officials

- A. Secretary of State Adrian Fontes
- B. Assistant Secretary of State Keely Varvel
- C. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Greg Ensell
- D. State Election Director Lisa Marra
- E. Voter Registration Director Tonia Tunnell

External Entities

- 1. U.S. Department of Justice ([usdoj.gov](https://www.usdoj.gov))
- 2. U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([dhs.gov](https://www.dhs.gov))
- 3. Federal Bureau of Investigations ([fbi.gov](https://www.fbi.gov))
- 4. Elections Assistance Commission ([eac.gov](https://www.eac.gov))

5. United States Postal Inspection Service ([uspis.gov](https://www.uspis.gov))

Key Terms

- A. “Voter Registration List”
- B. “Voter Registration Lists”
- C. VRL
- D. “Voter roll”
- E. “Voter rolls”
- F. “Citizenship data”
- G. “Noncitizen voting”
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- I. “Illegal aliens”
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<sup>1</sup> A.R.S. § 39-121.01(D)(1); *see also Hanania v. City of Tucson*, 128 Ariz. 135, 624 P.2d 332 (Ct. App. 1980). Furthermore because this request is for noncommercial purposes, additional fees provided for under A.R.S. § 39-121.03(A) are not applicable and should not be assessed,

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We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your prompt response.

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- B. Deputy Secretary of State Matthew Tyser
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External Entities

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3. Office of the Missouri Secretary of State ([sos.mo.gov](https://sos.mo.gov))
4. Office of the Montana Secretary of State ([sosmt.gov](https://sosmt.gov))
5. Office of the Nebraska Secretary of State ([nebraska.gov](https://nebraska.gov))
6. South Carolina Election Commission ([sevotes.gov](https://sevotes.gov))
7. Office of the South Dakota Secretary of State ([state.sd.us](https://state.sd.us))

8. Office of the Texas Secretary of State ([sos.texas.gov](https://sos.texas.gov))
9. Office of the Tennessee Secretary of State ([tn.gov](https://tn.gov))
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11. Office of the Utah Lieutenant Governor ([utah.gov](https://utah.gov))

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All electronic communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, calendar invitation attachments, text messages, or messages on messaging platforms, including Signal, WhatsApp, Slack and Microsoft Teams, and direct messages on social media platforms such as X and Truth Social) between (a) the Office of Georgia Secretary of State officials listed below and (b) anyone communicating on behalf of the external entities listed below.

Office of the Georgia Secretary of State officials

- A. Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger
- B. Deputy Secretary of State Matthew Tyser
- C. Chief of Staff Liz Hausmann
- D. Elections Director Blake Evans

External Entities

- A. Election Integrity Network (“EIN”) (including, but not limited to [@whoscounting.us](https://whoscounting.us); [@electionintegritynetwork.org](https://electionintegritynetwork.org), [@electionintegrity.network](https://electionintegrity.network))
- B. Cleta Mitchell, Chair of EIN (including, but not limited to [@cletamitchell.com](https://cletamitchell.com), [@conservativepartnership.org](https://conservativepartnership.org))
- C. Citizen Election Research Center (“CERC”) (including, but not limited to [@citizenselectionresearchcenter.org](https://citizenselectionresearchcenter.org))
- D. EagleAI Network ([eagleai.pro](https://eagleai.pro))

- E. Virginia Institute for Public Policy (including, but not limited to [virginiainstitute.org](http://virginiainstitute.org))
- F. Public Interest Legal Foundation (including, but not limited to [publicinterestlegal.org](http://publicinterestlegal.org))
- G. True the Vote (including, but not limited to [truethevote.org](http://truethevote.org))

The timeframe for this search should be from July 1, 2025, through the date the search is conducted.

### ***Scope of Search***

In searching for responsive records, please search for records regardless of format, including paper records, electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, data, and graphical materials. This request includes, without limitation, all correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, calendar entries, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, minutes, or audio or video recordings of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. However, please exclude publicly available materials such as news clips that mention otherwise responsive search terms, unless the records contain additional discussion or commentary from State employees or contacts at the organizations listed above.

The Open Records Act provides the right to inspect public records. Ga. Code Ann. § 50-18-70. Only records to which access is restricted pursuant to state or federal statute, federal regulation, or court rule, or records which are private, controlled, or protected may be exempt from disclosure. *Id.* § 50-18-72. In the event that the Office of the Georgia Secretary of State wishes to withhold all or part of the records responsive to our request, please provide us with a description of the records withheld and an explanation for the denial of records citing the “legal authority exempting the requested record or records from disclosure by Code section, subsection, and paragraph.” *Id.* § 50-18-71(d). We also reserve the right to appeal the denial of access to records to the superior court. *Id.* § 50-18-73(a).

If requested records are located in, or originated in, another agency, department, office, installation or bureau, please refer this request or any relevant portion of this request to the appropriate entity.

To the extent that the records are readily reproducible in a searchable, electronic format, we would prefer to receive the records in that format. However, if certain records are not available in that format, we are willing to accept the best available copy of each such record.

Please respond to this request in writing within three business days. Ga. Code Ann. § 50-18-71(b)(1)(A). If all of the requested documents are not available within that time period, we request that you provide us with all requested documents or portions of documents that are available within that time period. *Id.*

***Request for Fee Waiver***

Democracy Forward Foundation requests a waiver of document search, review, and duplication fees associated with processing records for this request.

The requested waiver is in the public interest because providing the copy of the information sought primarily benefits the general public. Democracy Forward Foundation has a demonstrated ability to disseminate information of public interest requested through freedom of information statutes, and based upon responses to this request may assist in publicizing records received to contribute to the public's understanding of communications Office of the Georgia Secretary of

State officials may be having about the administration of elections. Indeed, records received by Democracy Forward Foundation have previously formed the basis of news reports.<sup>1</sup>

## Conclusion

If you need clarification as to the scope of the request, have any questions, or foresee any obstacles to releasing fully the requested records, please contact us as soon as possible at [foia@democracyforward.org](mailto:foia@democracyforward.org).

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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February 6, 2026

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**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), 5 ILCS. 140 Democracy Forward Foundation submits this request for records.

***Records Requested***

Democracy Forward Foundation (“DFF”) requests that the Illinois State Board of Elections (“SBE”) produce the following within five (5) business days:

All electronic communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, calendar invitation attachments, text messages, or messages on messaging platforms, including Signal, WhatsApp, Slack and Microsoft Teams, and direct messages on social media platforms such as X and Truth Social) between (a) the Illinois State Board of Elections officials listed below and (b) anyone communicating on behalf of the external entities listed below, that (c) contain any of the key terms listed below:

Illinois State Board of Elections officials

- A. Executive Director Bernadette Matthews
- B. Assistant Executive Director Jeremy Kirk
- C. Board Chair Laura Donahue
- D. Board Vice Chair Rick Terven, Sr.

External Entities

- 1. U.S. Department of Justice ([usdoj.gov](https://www.usdoj.gov))
- 2. U.S. Department of Homeland Security ([dhs.gov](https://www.dhs.gov))
- 3. Federal Bureau of Investigations ([fbi.gov](https://www.fbi.gov))

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4. Elections Assistance Commission ([eac.gov](http://eac.gov))
5. United States Postal Inspection Service ([uspis.gov](http://uspis.gov))

### Key Terms

- A. “Voter Registration List”
- B. “Voter Registration Lists”
- C. VRL
- D. “Voter roll”
- E. “Voter rolls”
- F. “Citizenship data”
- G. “Noncitizen voting”
- H. “Illegally voting”
- I. “Illegal aliens”
- J. Election
- K. Elections

The timeframe for this search should be from October 15, 2025, through the date the search is conducted.

### ***Scope of Search***

The Illinois FOIA requires that every public body must make available to any person for inspection and copying all public records except those identified as exceptions. 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/3(a). And as the Illinois Supreme Court has ruled, those exceptions are to be read narrowly. *Lieber v. Bd. of Trs. of S. Ill. Univ.*, 680 N.E.2d 374, 377 (Ill. 1997). A person in this statute is defined as any individual, corporation, partnership, firm, organization or association, acting individually or as a group. 5 Ill. Comp. Stat. 140/2(b).

In the event that the SBE wishes to withhold any documents or portions of documents, this denial must be in writing and state the reasons for the denial, including a detailed factual basis for the application of any exemption claimed, as well as the names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denial. *See id.* 140/9(a). Each notice of denial by a public body must also inform the requester of the right to review by the Public Access Counselor, provide the address and phone number for the Public Access Counselor, and inform the requester of his right to judicial review. *Id.* We also reserve the right to file suit for injunctive or declaratory relief if denied access to inspect the requested records. *Id.* 140/11.

If requested records are located in, or originated in, another agency, department, office, installation or bureau, please refer this request or any relevant portion of this request to the appropriate entity.

To the extent that the records are readily reproducible in a searchable, electronic format, we would prefer to receive the records in that format. However, if certain records are not available in that format, we are willing to accept the best available copy of each such record.

Please respond to this request in writing within five business days as required by statute. *Id.* 140/3(d). If all of the requested documents are not available within that time period, we request that you provide us with all requested documents or portions of documents that are available within that time period.

### ***Request for Fee Waiver***

Pursuant to 140/6(c), DFF requests a waiver of all fees associated with processing records for this request. FOIA requires documents to be furnished to requesters at no fee or reduced fees if disclosure of the information is in the public interest.

The requested waiver is in the public interest because providing the copy of the information sought primarily benefits the general public. Democracy Forward Foundation has a demonstrated ability to disseminate information of public interest requested through freedom of information statutes, and based upon responses to this request may assist in publicizing communications SBE officials may be having with federal government officials about the administration of elections. DFF intends to publicize records DFF receives to contribute significantly to the public's understanding of how this Administration is communicating with state agencies following recent executive orders.

To this latter point, DFF has a demonstrated ability to disseminate information of public interest requested through FOIA. When DFF obtains materials through FOIA requests that are of significant public interest, DFF's communications staff regularly works to ensure that these materials and their contents are featured in press articles educating the public about the operation of government; many articles feature additional commentary and analysis from DFF staff about those materials and their relevance to policy issues of public interest. Indeed, records received by DFF have previously formed the basis of news reports.<sup>1</sup>

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Democracy Forward Foundation is not filing this request to further any commercial interest, and any information obtained by Democracy Forward Foundation as a result of this request and disclosed will be disclosed at no cost.

If the request for a waiver is denied, we are willing to pay all reasonable fees incurred for searching and duplicating records in responding to this request, up to \$50. If the costs of responding to this request should exceed that amount, please contact us before incurring costs exceeding that amount.

### **Conclusion**

If you need clarification as to the scope of the request, have any questions, or foresee any obstacles to releasing fully the requested records within five business days, 140/3, please contact me as soon as possible at [foia@democracyforward.org](mailto:foia@democracyforward.org).

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

/s/ Skye Perryman

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February 6, 2026

**VIA Electronic Delivery**

Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
Utah State Capitol  
350 N State Street  
Suite 220  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114  
Via Online Portal

**Re: Utah Public Records Request**

Dear Custodian of Records:

Pursuant to the Utah Government Records Access and Management Act (“GRAMA”), Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-2-101–901 (West 2022), Democracy Forward Foundation submits this request for records.

***Records Requested***

Democracy Forward Foundation requests that the Office of the Lt. Governor produce the following:

All electronic communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, calendar invitation attachments, text messages, or messages on messaging platforms, including Signal, WhatsApp, Slack and Microsoft Teams, and direct messages on social media platforms such as X and Truth Social) between (a) the Office of the Lt. Governor officials listed below and (b) anyone communicating on behalf of the external entities listed below, that (c) contain any of the key terms listed below:

Office of the Lt. Governor officials

- A. Lt. Governor Deidre Henderson
- B. Chief of Staff Joe Pyrah
- C. Director of Elections Ryan Cowley
- D. Deputy Director of Elections Shelly Jackson

External Entities

1. Office of the Alabama Secretary of State ([sos.alabama.gov](https://sos.alabama.gov))
2. Office of the Mississippi Secretary of State ([sos.ms.gov](https://sos.ms.gov))
3. Office of the Missouri Secretary of State ([sos.mo.gov](https://sos.mo.gov))
4. Office of the Montana Secretary of State ([sosmt.gov](https://sosmt.gov))

5. Office of the Nebraska Secretary of State ([nebraska.gov](http://nebraska.gov))
6. South Carolina Election Commission ([scvotes.gov](http://scvotes.gov))
7. Office of the South Dakota Secretary of State ([state.sd.us](http://state.sd.us))
8. Office of the Texas Secretary of State ([sos.texas.gov](http://sos.texas.gov))
9. Office of the Tennessee Secretary of State ([tn.gov](http://tn.gov))
10. Virginia Department of Elections ([elections.virginia.gov](http://elections.virginia.gov))

### Key Terms

- A. “Voter Registration List”
- B. “Voter Registration Lists”
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- D. “Voter roll”
- E. “Voter rolls”
- F. Riordan
- G. Neff
- H. “Citizenship data”
- I. “Noncitizen voting”
- J. “Illegally voting”
- K. “Illegal aliens”

The timeframe for this search should be from July 1, 2025, through the date the search is conducted.

### ***Scope of Search***

In searching for responsive records, please search for records regardless of format, including paper records, electronic records, audiotapes, videotapes, photographs, data, and graphical materials. This request includes, without limitation, all correspondence, letters, emails, text messages, calendar entries, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, minutes, or audio or video recordings of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. However, please exclude publicly available materials such as news clips that mention otherwise responsive search terms, unless the records contain additional discussion or commentary from State employees or contacts at the organizations listed above.

The GRAMA provides the right to inspect public records. Utah Code Ann. § 63G-2-201(1)(a). Only records to which access is restricted pursuant to state or federal statute, federal regulation, or court rule, or records which are private, controlled, or protected may be exempt from disclosure. *Id.* § 63G-2-201(3). In the event that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor wishes to deny our request in whole or part, the office “shall provide a notice of denial” with a description of the records withheld and an explanation for the denial of records citing specific court rules, statutes, or federal regulations that exempt the records from disclosure. *Id.* §§ 63G-2-205(1), (2). We also reserve the right to appeal the denial of access to records by filing a notice of appeal

with the chief administrative officer within thirty days of receiving a notice of denial. *Id.* §§ 63G-2-401–406.

If requested records are located in, or originated in, another agency, department, office, installation or bureau, please refer this request or any relevant portion of this request to the appropriate entity.

To the extent that the records are readily reproducible in a searchable, electronic format, we would prefer to receive the records in that format. However, if certain records are not available in that format, we are willing to accept the best available copy of each such record.

Please respond to this request in writing within ten business days as required by under section 63G-2-204(4)(b). If all of the requested documents are not available within that time period, we request that you provide us with all requested documents or portions of documents that are available within that time period.

### ***Request for Fee Waiver***

Democracy Forward Foundation requests a waiver of document search, review, and duplication fees associated with processing records for this request, in accordance with section 63G-2-203(4)(a).

The requested waiver is in the public interest because providing the copy of the information sought primarily benefits the general public. Democracy Forward Foundation has a demonstrated ability to disseminate information of public interest requested through freedom of information statutes, and based upon responses to this request may assist in publicizing records received to contribute to the public's understanding of communications officials in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor may be having about election administration. Indeed, records received by Democracy Forward Foundation have previously formed the basis of news reports.<sup>1</sup>

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## ***Conclusion***

If you need clarification as to the scope of the request, have any questions, or foresee any obstacles to releasing fully the requested records “as soon as reasonably possible,” Utah Code Ann. § 63G-2-204(4)(b), please contact us as soon as possible at [foia@democracyforward.org](mailto:foia@democracyforward.org).

We appreciate your assistance and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

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***Conclusion***

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I appreciate your assistance and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anisha Hindocha

Anisha Hindocha

February 6, 2026

**VIA Electronic Delivery**

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**Re: Public Records Request**

Dear Custodian of Records:

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Va. Code Ann. § 2.2-3700, I, Anisha Hindocha, a resident of Virginia, submits this request for records.

***Records Requested***

I request that Virginia Department of Elections produce the following:

All electronic communications (including emails, email attachments, complete email chains, calendar invitations, calendar invitation attachments, text messages, or messages on messaging platforms, including Signal, WhatsApp, Slack and Microsoft Teams, and direct messages on social media platforms such as X and Truth Social) between (a) the Virginia Department of Elections officials listed below and (b) anyone communicating on behalf of the external entities listed below.

Virginia Department of Elections officials

- A. Virginia Elections Commissioner Susan Beals
- B. Anyone serving in the capacity of Deputy Commissioner
- C. Anyone serving in the capacity of Chief of Staff
- D. Anyone serving in the capacity of Confidential Policy Advisor

External Entities

- A. Election Integrity Network (“EIN”) (including, but not limited to [@whoscounting.us](https://whoscounting.us); [@electionintegritynetwork.org](https://electionintegritynetwork.org), [@electionintegrity.network](https://electionintegrity.network))
- B. Cleta Mitchell, Chair of EIN (including, but not limited to [@cletamitchell.com](https://cletamitchell.com), [@conservativepartnership.org](https://conservativepartnership.org))
- C. Citizen Election Research Center (“CERC”) (including, but not limited to [@citizenselectionresearchcenter.org](https://citizenselectionresearchcenter.org))
- D. EagleAI Network ([eagleai.pro](https://eagleai.pro))

- E. Virginia Institute for Public Policy (including, but not limited to [virginia institute.org](http://virginia institute.org))
- F. Public Interest Legal Foundation (including, but not limited to [publicinterestlegal.org](http://publicinterestlegal.org))
- G. True the Vote (including, but not limited to [truethevote.org](http://truethevote.org))

The timeframe for this search should be from July 1, 2025, through the date the search is conducted.

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