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VIA U.S. MAIL

Mr. Matt Ehling
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Re: Minnesota Government Data Practices Act Request to the City of Saint Anthony

Dear Mr. Ehling:

This email is in response to your recent request to the City of Saint Anthony, Minnesota for public data pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and your July 15 letter responding to our first production of documents.

On July 13, we provided a response to two of the categories of data you requested. In your July 15 letter, you requested a brief explanation of the basis for redactions on the incident report, pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13.37, Subdivision 2(b). The incident report was redacted to withhold the addresses of Mr. Castile and Ms. Reynolds, as well as identifying information about the witnesses to the incident. The City of Saint Anthony recognizes that there are unique security concerns for the individuals involved in this situation, in light of the high-profile nature of this incident and the string of violent events in our country over the past week. Tensions are high, and the City is aware of threats that have been made against different individuals closely or even very tangentially related to the situation. The City believes that releasing the home address(es) and telephone numbers of Mr. Castile and Ms. Reynolds is likely to substantially jeopardize the security of possessions, individuals – including Mr. Castile’s family, and Ms. Reynolds and her family – and property against theft, tampering, trespass, or physical injury. The City believes that releasing identifying information about the witnesses to the incident is also likely to substantially jeopardize the security of possessions, individuals and property against theft, tampering, trespass, or physical injury.

This letter provides a response to your third category of information requested: “any and all policies and procedures produced and/or maintained by your agency relating to officer interactions with concealed carry permit holders.” The City of Saint Anthony has determined that it does not have any documents responsive to that request. The City of Saint Anthony has policies that address larger topics such as interaction with citizens, use of force and proper stop and arrest procedures, but does not have a policy on the specific topic of interaction with concealed carry permit holders.

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This letter completes the response of the City of Saint Anthony to your Data Practices request. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,


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cc: Jay Lindgren, Esq.