

December 20, 2018

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RE: FOIA REQUEST – Election Data

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Kaza Rhan:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request dated December 12, 2018 received in my office at 7:32 p.m. on December 12, 2018 via electronic mail. As the Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for processing requests for public information for the College, pursuant to *the Illinois Freedom of Information Act*, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. In your e-mail, you requested that the College make available the following records:

Initial request:

“To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of LocalLabs which is the publisher of Prairie State Wire, an online publication that reports on and informs the public about local government activities. We are requesting election data for last held election in your jurisdiction.

Additionally, we are requesting electronic (preferably non-PDF such as CSV, Excel, Txt) data with the following data points:

- 1) Election Type (2018 November General/Consolidated/Local/Municipal)
- 2) Election date
- 3) Contest/Race (i.e. Governor)
- 4) Candidate name
- 5) Candidate party (if applicable)
- 6) Vote count
- 7) Filing Deadline for next election

The purpose of the request is to access and disseminate information as a matter of public interest and is not for the principal purpose of personal or commercial benefit. I qualify as media under the definition in Section 2 (c-10) ("Commercial purpose"), Section 2 (f) ("News media"), Section 2 (g) ("Recurrent requester"), and Section 2 (h) ("Voluminous request") of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purposes of being exempt to the provisions of Section 3.1 (Requests for commercial purposes), Section 3.2 (Recurrent requesters), Section 3.6 (Voluminous requests), and Section 6 (Authority to charge fees). Therefore, I request you furnish any responsive documents and items without charge.”

Parkland College’s Response:

The college has provided a PDF that we believe to be fully responsive to your request. The documents are available only in PDF format because they are provided to the college from the Champaign County Clerk's office as certified election results. In addition, petitions for the next election were due on Monday, December 17, 2018.

As the Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the *Freedom of Information Act*. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request. If I have misunderstood your request, please let me know as soon as possible so I may provide the correct information.

Finally, if you believe that this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor or State court, you will need to include a copy of this letter for the review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Stuart
Vice President for Communications and External Affairs

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