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Via email

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Re: Access to Public Records Request

Dear Ms. Solas,


We are in receipt of your Public Records Request of January 31, 2025 for “the resumes of all individuals who control and/or access the RI Senate X account, @RISenate.” Your request is governed by the Access to Public Records Act (APRA) contained in R.I.G.L. Chapter 38-2. In response to a request for public records, an agency is required to make available for public disclosure those records that are responsive to a request, are in the possession of the agency and are not otherwise exempted from disclosure.

As to the “control and/or access [to] the RI Senate X account”, the RI Senate X account is authorized by Senate leadership and the postings are made without attribution in furtherance of the Senate. Individual employees are not responsible for the content that is posted.

With regards to your request for resumes, pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 38-2-2(4)(A)(I)(b) this office is required to perform a balancing test before releasing personnel and other personal individually identifiable records. After carefully balancing the public’s interest in disclosure with each individual’s privacy interest, we have determined that the resumes of those individuals who may have “control and/or access [to] the RI Senate X account” are not public records – as the release of the resumes of persons responsible for posting information authorized by leadership provides little or no insight on how government operates. *See U.S. Dep’t of Justice v. Reporters Comm. for Freedom of the Press*, 489 U.S. 749.

In accordance with R.I.G.L. § 38-2-8, you may appeal this decision to Henry S. Kinch, Jr., Executive Director of the Joint Committee of Legislative Services, at 82 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02903, or the Rhode Island Superior Court of the county where the record(s) are maintained.

Sincerely,



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