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VIA ONLINE PORTAL AND EMAIL

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Re: Public Record Request from Lawyers for Civil Rights

Dear RAO Williams:

This letter constitutes a request under the Public Records Law, G.L. c. 66, § 10, for public records in the custody of the Boston Department of Public Works (“DPW”). As used in this request, “record” and “records” are defined as in the Public Records Law; “Division” or “unit” refer to divisions within DPW. Unless otherwise stated, the time period for which records are requested is January 1, 2018, to present day.

I hereby request copies of the following documents:

1. All records referring to, indicating or reflecting the overall demographics by gender and race of all employees of the DPW, disaggregated by division and/or unit and by job title, including but not limited to records reflecting who serves in any supervisory and/or management position.
2. All records drafted, used, or referenced to create employee training for diversity, cultural competency, and/or implicit bias, including, but not limited to, information regarding the various facilitators and/or companies that facilitate the trainings.
3. All records pertaining to DPW’s diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and/or goals, including, but not limited to, DPW trainings, recruitment, hiring, promoting and/or retention of DPW employees.
4. All records pertaining to language access, including, but not limited to, 1) the department’s Language Access Plan (LAP); 2) all vendors used for translation and interpretation services and 3) all policies and procedures pertaining to requests for and the provision of translation and interpretation into languages other than English.
5. The most recent DPW organizational chart.

As this request involves a matter of public concern, we ask that all fees associated with this request be waived pursuant to 950 C.M.R. 32.06(5). The purpose of this request is to gain information about the diversity of a public agency and its efforts to ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion across personnel and policy. The information will not be used for any commercial purpose. If the waiver is denied and you expect the fee to exceed \$10.00, please provide a detailed fee estimate.

The Public Records Law requires that you comply with this request within 10 days following receipt. If your response to any portion of the request is that any record or portion of it is not public, please set forth in writing the specific reasons for such denial, including which specific exemption you believe applies.

I can be reached at the contact information below with any questions or concerns regarding this request. Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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