



KATE BROWN
Governor

March 11, 2019

Sophia June
Office of Mayor Wheeler
City of Portland
1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 340
Portland, OR 97204

Dear Sophia:

I'd like to recognize actions you recently took to process public records that embody the values celebrated during Sunshine Week, March 10th to the 16th, 2019. Sunshine Week is a national effort to promote dialog about the importance of open government and freedom of information at all levels of government. This effort was begun in 2005 by the American Society of News Editors, and is now celebrated throughout the country.

Providing public records to requestors in a timely and efficient manner is a hallmark of an open and accessible government. Your work in response to the records requests of a member of the media by disclosing records held by the Mayor's office, and by continuing to proactively disclose additional records as you anticipated further interest in this information is commendable. Because of your efforts, the collection of large amounts of data has been centralized within your office and requests are now routinely processed in a quick, efficient manner and without charge.

Thank you for promoting integrity, transparency, and accountability throughout government in Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Brown".

Governor Kate Brown

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cc: Ted Wheeler, Mayor, City of Portland
Ginger McCall, Oregon Public Records Advocate, Office of the Public Records Advocate





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Timothy Lewis
Office of Policy and Education
Office of the State Court Administrator
Oregon Judicial Department
Supreme Court Building
1163 State Street
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Tim:

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Providing public records to requestors in a timely and efficient manner is a hallmark of an open and transparent government. Your work to do just that in response to the records requests of a member of the media on two occasions, providing information going back years and for every county in Oregon, is commendable. Because of your efforts, large amounts of detailed data were provided in a quick, efficient manner and without charge.

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cc: Martha L. Walters, Chief Justice, Oregon Judicial Department
Nancy Cozine, State Court Administrator, Oregon Judicial Department
Ginger McCall, Oregon Public Records Advocate, Office of the Public Records Advocate





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Allyson Quiring
Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit
Aging and People with Disabilities Program
Oregon Department of Human Services
3406 Cherry Street NE
Salem, OR 97303

Dear Allyson:

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The historic 2017 revisions to Oregon's public records law implemented significant reform, including new deadlines to respond to public records requests. You went above and beyond the requirements of your duties to implement the spirit, as well as the letter, of these reforms by overhauling the Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit's processes, procedures, and standard correspondence letters for public records requests. By doing so, you ensured the most efficient means of processing the growing number of public records requests your unit receives on a daily basis.

Thank you for promoting integrity, transparency, and accountability throughout government in Oregon.

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cc: Fariborz Pakseresht, Director, Department of Human Services
Ginger McCall, Oregon Public Records Advocate, Office of the Public Records Advocate





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Melanie Broderick
Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit
Aging and People with Disabilities Program
Oregon Department of Human Services
3406 Cherry Street NE
Salem, OR 97303

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Robyn Christie
Office of the City Recorder
City of Bend
710 NW Wall Street
Bend, OR 97703

Dear Robyn:

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Providing public records to requestors in a timely and efficient manner is a hallmark of an open and transparent government. You worked to do just that in response to the records requests of a member of the media on two notable occasions for the City of Bend, during the 2018 general election and 2019 special election. You continued to provide the information of City Council applicants as they were received without requiring the media member to file additional requests as you anticipated further interest in this information. Because of your efforts, large amounts of candidate information was provided in a quick, efficient manner and without charge.

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cc: Sally Russell, Mayor, City of Bend
Ginger McCall, Oregon Public Records Advocate, Office of the Public Records Advocate





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Matthew Brown
Archives Division
Secretary of State
800 Summer Street NE
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Matt:

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cc: Leslie Cummings, Deputy Secretary of State
Ginger McCall, Oregon Public Records Advocate, Office of the Public Records Advocate





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David Belyea
Western Region
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
165 East 7th Avenue, Suite 100
Eugene, OR 97401-3049

Dear Dave:

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Jessica Clawson
Western Region
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
165 East 7th Avenue, Suite 100
Eugene, OR 97401-3049

Dear Jessica:

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Michael Kucinski
Western Region
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
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Eugene, OR 97401-3049

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Lisa MacGregor
Western Region
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
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Eugene, OR 97401-3049

Dear Lisa:

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Anthony Barnack
Air Quality Monitoring Section
DEQ Laboratory and Environmental Assessment Division
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
7210 NW Evergreen Pkwy
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Dear Anthony:

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As Air Quality Monitoring Coordinator, you worked tirelessly last summer to provide air quality data to a member of the media during wildfire season in the Grants Pass area. Not only did you provide data for comparison going back to the year 2000, but you also specifically compiled 2018 data in advance of the timeline for its completion. You continued to correct the data as it was provided and made sure to explain how to use and analyze the numbers.

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