

Sunshine Award 2020



Jake Sunderland

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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 ongoing work in response to the records request of a member of the media to provide records about youth in foster care residing out of state is admirable. Because of this, your commitment to the idea that the records should be public is clearly evident.

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

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Jeanne Windham

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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 ongoing work in response to public records requests in the last year has resulted in an average compliance rate under the public records law of 96 percent or better. Your positive attitude and work ethic are commendable.

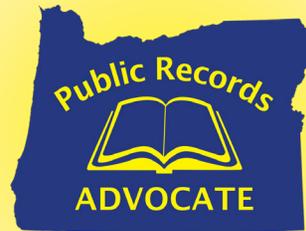
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Kateri Walsh

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You have excellently modeled “transparency by design”. You accomplished this by running the Oregon State Bar-Press Broadcasters Council for twenty two years, which is a robust entity that helps the media accurately inform the public about legal happenings while also respecting civil rights. Moreover, you have played a major role in ensuring that the Oregon State Bar fulfills its interest to the public under the public records law. Your efforts have built public trust and understanding of what the Bar does, while contributing it to being an open and accessible agency.

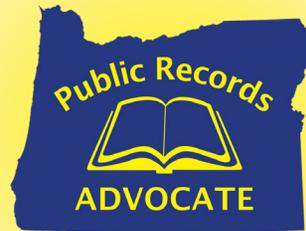
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The historic 2017 revisions to Oregon's public records law implemented significant reform, including new deadlines to respond to public records requests. You went above and beyond the requirements of your duties to implement the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law in response to the records request of a member of the media by rapidly disclosing voluminous records related to statutory changes that were under consideration for PERS. Your exceptional dedication to the idea that information about the public employee retirement system should be public is commendable.

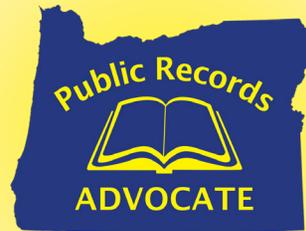
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You have excellently modeled “transparency by design”. You accomplished this by proactively posting records about an important land use decision affecting your community. By providing these records, the citizens of Amity and other stakeholders are able to stay informed and actively engaged. Your commitment to the importance of open government is commendable.

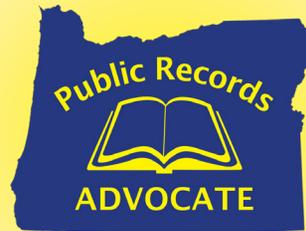
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Providing public records to requestors in a timely and efficient manner is a hallmark of an open and accessible government. Your ongoing work assisting the University of Oregon Police Department (UOPD) transition to a new record management system, while also developing a spreadsheet to track response timeframes and a desk manual for the records officer position is commendable. Your efforts have advanced the public records compliance of UOPD, and contributed to the creation of a positive and cooperative environment.

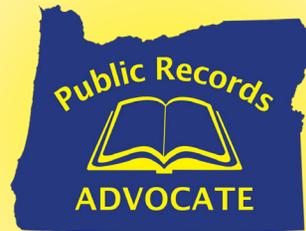
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The historic 2017 revisions to Oregon's public records law implemented significant reforms meant to promote timely responses, enhanced transparency and greater access to government. You went above and beyond the requirements of your duties to implement the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law in responding to the request of a member of the media by disclosing records about group homes for people with disabilities, and by continuing to work with the requestor to make strategic requests to receive additional records in the most efficient way. Your dedication to the idea that Oregonians should be informed about important health and safety issues is commendable.

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