

Open Records response and New Open Records/Meetings Questions

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Dear Mr. Bryant.

Please understand that with my transmission of the 48 Open Records requests, that I was and am, asking all the same questions as those I sent in for the 48 people. I am also still asking the further follow-up questions I have asked. Again, I will be happy to help you read their names and address. I don't know them personally, but I am able to read their names and address.

I will also ask the following question, if Sandoval County is actually sending in requests, or info., or any communications to the BLM, DOT, Town of Bernalillo, or any other government entity, which are marked as confidential, please let me know for the last 3 yrs, if there was a public meeting and any records indicating each particular need for confidentiality, the purpose, decision makers, and date, etc.

Also, please send me all documents sent/transmitted to the BLM, DOT, Town of Bernalillo as confidential in the last 3 years, and if they are no longer in your possession, please send a list you have sent and include why each was confidential, the decision makers and under what statute.

Again, I feel this information is very important, I believe strongly in our Democracy, and it's Sunshine laws. Absolutely nothing personal at all is meant, and I am looking forward to working with you closely on all of this. I am assuming it is a misunderstanding and that I was not clear that I was asking the same Open records questions as the 48 or so by sending them in.

Please let me know if there are any other issues which are causing a delay in your response and I will do what is needed to resolve them.

For the Open Spaces and the Wild Animals that Grace them,
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--- On **Thu, 9/18/08, Patience O'Dowd <patience_odowd@yahoo.com>** wrote:

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Subject: Re: Open Records response over due

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Date: Thursday, September 18, 2008, 2:08 PM

Hello Again Mr. Bryant,

I am writing to be clear that I have not with drawn any Open Records requests. I am also writing to say that I was dismayed last night at the meeting held by Sandoval County at the Zocalo and facilitated by Cliff Spirock to hear from the BLM that Sandoval County is using the Privacy Act and requesting info that Sandoval County sends to the BLM be marked confidential. I am waiting for your words on that in the hopes that this information is a mis-communication of some kind.

As I stated to Tom Gow last night at that meeting,

1. This seems t fly in the face of Open Government.
2. This seems to fly in the face of the Open Records Act.
3. This seems that it would be counter to running a Democracy where the government which is for and by the people, and I will add, as well as paid for by the people.

I am patiently waiting for a response to my letter below, as well as the Open Records responses, as well as now, I would also like to understand under what conditions, and under what specific statutes, you would designate Sandoval County info sent to the BLM as confidential.

Thanks Much,

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--- On **Wed, 9/10/08, Patience O'Dowd <patience_odowd@yahoo.com>** wrote:

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Dear Mr. Bryant,

Thank you for your response of Sept. 5, 2008. Yes our 48 requests for information are Open records requests. I have not received anything from Mr. Spirock on Aug 25th 08 to my knowledge, (As per Mr. Gonzales and yourself.) though I have mailed Mr. Spirock many of the surveys which Placitans have filled out indicating that they do not want a Northwest Corridor aka Loop Rd. This I emailed him on August 25th 08. Perhaps there is some confusion due to this?

Though I have very much appreciated the responses I have received, I am concerned that the responses as well as the information which I have received from the Town of Bernalillo and from Sandoval County and for that matter from the BLM are in conflict in significant ways.

I can suggest a meeting with all entities involved (as originally suggested to me by Mr. Jerge) and now that it is September, it is in the time frame that might work for all to meet together. In this case, primarily the Town of Bernalillo Administrator, Moises Gonzales, David Mathews and potentially the BLM.

I cannot at this time agree to convey any answers for any of the entities to the 48 and 56 people who signed their own Open Records requests as I have not recieved complete responses, and or the response from Mr. Spirock, again to my knowledge.

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