



CITY OF DECATUR ILLINOIS

#1 GARY K. ANDERSON PLAZA

DECATUR, ILLINOIS 62523-1196

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March 10, 2023

Reed Sutman
DecaturVote.com
217-413-9202

Re: Freedom of Information Request 2023-00593

Dear Reed,

Thank you for writing to the City of Decatur with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*

Your request is for *“memo regarding a September 7, 2019 meeting regarding cannabis, email threads that contained that memo, including replies and forwards, any documentation related to the September 7th meeting referenced in that memo”*.

Your request is allowed in part, and denied in part pursuant to the following Illinois Freedom of Information Act Sections, (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*) containing the applicable exemptions identified below:

5 ILCS 140/7 1 Exemptions. (1) When a request is made to inspect or copy a public record that contains information that is exempt from disclosure under this Section, but also contains information that is not exempt from disclosure, the public body may elect to redact the information that is exempt. The public body shall make the remaining information available for inspection and copying. Subject to this requirement, the following shall be exempt from inspection and copying:

Copies of records responsive to your request are provided herewith, except for records exempt from disclosure pursuant to the exemptions below. Where messages contain both exempt and non-exempt information, exempt information has been redacted, also pursuant to the exemptions listed below:

Pursuant to Section 7 (1) (b), portions of the requested records constituting “private information” including personal telephone numbers, signature and email link have been redacted.

Pursuant to Section 7 (1) (f), preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, memoranda and other records in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated are

exempt from disclosure. This exemption applies to pre-decisional communications in which opinions are expressed, or policies or actions are formulated.

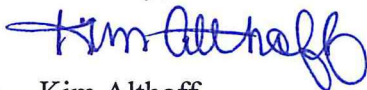
You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 5 ILCS 140/9.5 (a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield IL 62701-1705
Phone: 1-877-299-3642
Email: public.access@ilag.gov

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State Circuit Court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter 5 ILCS 140/9.5 (a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Althoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kim" being more prominent than the last name "Althoff".

Kim Althoff
Freedom of Information Administrator

Althoff, Kim L

From: Moore-Wolfe, Julie <JMoore-Wolfe@decatutil.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 8:25 AM
To: Gregory, Lisa M
Subject: Re: Cannabis Meeting Ltd and Macon County Official List

Thanks so much! I was tied up all day and am just now getting through emails! Appreciate your help — as always!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2019, at 1:32 PM, Gregory, Lisa M <LGregory@decatutil.gov> wrote:

Julie,

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Lisa

Sent from my iPad

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Village of Argenta, 330 North Warren Street, Argenta, Illinois 62510

Cindy Luedke – Mayor (795-4529 – Village Hall)

Matt Kaufman

Connie Barker

Kevin Crowder

Deena Bowman

Jim Hanna

Travis Pagel

Sherry Koszesa – Village Clerk

Village of Blue Mound, 229 North Railroad Avenue, Blue Mound, Illinois 62513

Scott Younger– Village President (692-2713 – Village Office)

Village of Forsyth, 301 South Route 51, Forsyth, IL 62535

Marilyn Johnson – Mayor – [REDACTED]

Kerstin Trachtenberg

Kerry Denison

Dave Wendt

Bob Gruenewald

Larry Reed

Jim Peck – [REDACTED]

Village of Harristown, 185 North Kembark Street, Decatur, IL 62522

Evelyn Deverell – Mayor – [REDACTED]

Village of Long Creek, 7135 East US Route 36, Decatur, Illinois 62521

? - 864-5263

City of Macon, P.O. Box 349, Macon, Illinois 62544

Frank Dunmire - Mayor [REDACTED]

City of Maroa, 120 South Locust Street, P.O. Box 136, Maroa, Illinois 61756 – 794-2206 – City Hall

Aaron Meador – Mayor – [REDACTED]

Ted Agee – City Administrator – [REDACTED]

Monica Estep

Jeremiah Grider

Blake West

Ryan Wilkey

Tyler Jackson

Angela Bogle

Village of Mount Zion, 1400 Mt. Zion Parkway, Mount Zion, IL 62549

Luke Williams – Mayor (Scott State Bank – Bethany)

Julie Miller – Village Administrator – [REDACTED]

Kevin Fritzsche

Donna Scales

Mike Mose

Wendy Kernan

Ellen Ritchie

Chris Siudyla

Village of Niantic, 357 East Lockhart Street, Niantic Illinois 62551 – Village Office 668-2458

Village of Oreana, 497 South View, P.O. Box 37, Oreana, Illinois 62554 – Village Office 468-2476

Aaron Keathley – [REDACTED]

Jason Bruns

Julia Ballard

Dustin Guntle

Loren Hiser

Angela Ward

Matt Welch

Village of Warrensburg, 155 East Main Street, P.O. Box 350, Warrensburg, Illinois 62573

Corey Maloney – Mayor – [REDACTED]

Doug Fisher

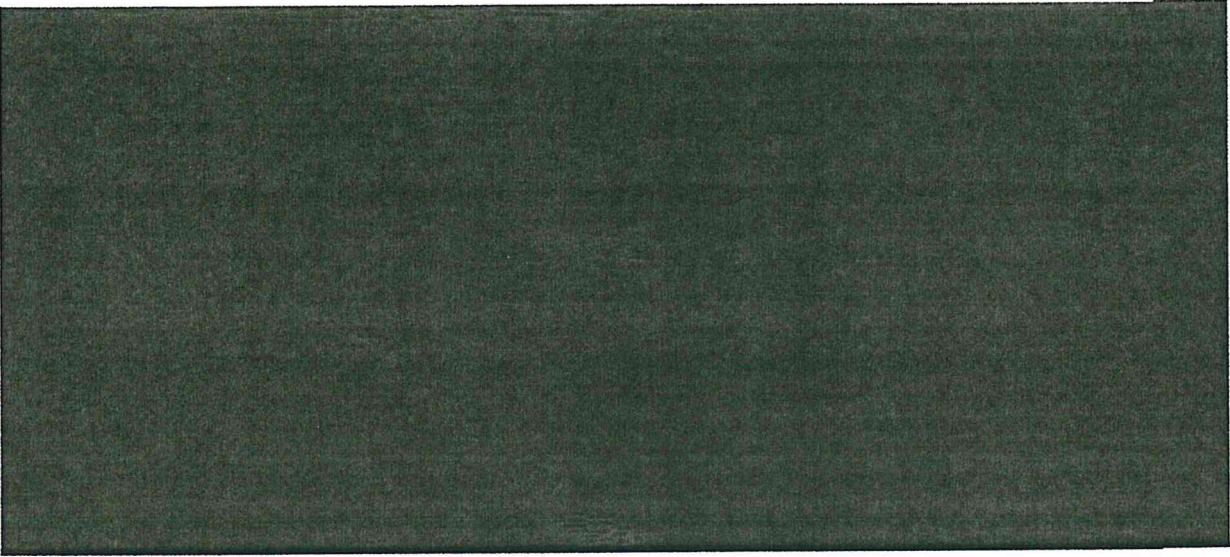
Ray Ewing

Kerry Hood


John Oakley

Leland Hackl

Ed Lock



Sincerely,

Link for 
<https://www.iml.org/file.cfm?key=16334>



Althoff, Kim L

From: Moore-Wolfe, Julie <JMoore-Wolfe@decatutil.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Kevin Greenfield
Subject: Re: Cannabis Meeting Ltd and Macon County Official List



Sent from my iPad

On Jul 27, 2019, at 3:42 PM, Kevin Greenfield <chairman@co.macon.il.us> wrote:

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I'll be in touch very soon

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From: Moore-Wolfe, Julie <JMoore-Wolfe@decatutil.gov>
Sent: Saturday, July 27, 2019 7:23:14 AM
To: Kevin Greenfield <chairman@co.macon.il.us>
Subject: Fwd: Cannabis Meeting Ltd and Macon County Official List

Here is the invitation Lisa put together for county mayors. Let me know what you think or any changes. Once we confirm a place and date, I'll have Angela from my office send it out. Have a great weekend! Julie

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gregory, Lisa M" <LGregory@decatutil.gov<<mailto:LGregory@decatutil.gov>>>
Date: July 25, 2019 at 1:32:45 PM CDT
To: "Moore-Wolfe, Julie" <JMoore-Wolfe@decatutil.gov<<mailto:JMoore-Wolfe@decatutil.gov>>>
Subject: Cannabis Meeting Ltd and Macon County Official List

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August 20, 2019

Dear Macon County Mayor:


County Board Chairman Kevin Greenfield and I are convening a meeting of Macon County Mayors and Village Presidents to discuss recreational marijuana distribution facilities in Macon County. As you know, the General Assembly passed, and the Governor signed, House Bill 1438 (P.A. 101-0027) creating the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act (ACT), which takes effect January 1, 2020. The Act impacts municipalities in a variety of ways.

I believe the enclosed document from the Illinois Municipal League provides a comprehensive list of considerations and subsequent actions that will be required of locally elected bodies. The Village of Forsyth has voted to opt out of having distribution in their city. Chairman Greenfield and I would like the Mayors/Village Presidents to meet collectively to begin conversations about the Act.

We invite you to join us on Saturday, September 7th at the Long Creek Township Building at 8:00 a.m. So as not to violate the Open Meetings Act, please feel free to bring only one additional elected official, and if applicable, your city administrator. The Township building is located at 2610 Salem School Road. Please RSVP to Angela Harper at 217-450-2240 or AHarper@decaturil.gov

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this invitation. Chairman Greenfield and I look forward to discussing these issues with you.

Sincerely,


Julie Moore Wolfe, Mr
City of Decatur



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Althoff, Kim L

From: Harper, Angela M
Sent: Thursday, October 31, 2019 9:37 AM
To: Althoff, Kim L
Subject: FW: September 7 Mayors Meeting

Angela Harper
Executive Assistant-Deputy City Clerk
City of Decatur
One Gary K. Anderson Plaza
Decatur, IL 62523
217-450-2240
aharper@decaturil.gov



From: David Strohl <dstrohl@forsythvillage.us>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Harper, Angela M <AHarper@decaturil.gov>
Subject: September 7 Mayors Meeting

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Angela,

I just spoke with Mayor Johnson regarding the September 7 Macon County mayors meeting to discuss the cannabis issue. Mayor Johnson will not be attending the meeting, as the Village of Forsyth has already decided to prohibit cannabis business establishments in the Village.

David A. Strohl, ICMA-CM
Village Administrator
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