

STATEMENT FROM THE CITY OF CEDAR HILLS
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Where inaccurate or incorrect information is publicly advanced, the City feels it is in the interest of the community to provide an accurate and correct summary. Recently, statements made on a public website present inaccurate or incomplete information regarding a recent request for records. The City wishes to address those statements.

Statement: "The only thing this current City Council & Staff & attorney has proven is that they are not in favor of providing more public records, thoroughly and quickly, to the public they supposedly serve...The City Attorney misled the Records Committee with many false claims."

The City of Cedar Hills properly fulfilled Mr. Cromar's records request dated October 29, 2012. Mr. Cromar requested the City's legal invoices. Not surprisingly, legal invoices contain a substantial amount of privileged, attorney-client communications. The City redacted, meaning whited-out, the privileged information and provided the rest of the legal invoices to Mr. Cromar. At the hearing, the Records Committee reviewed the unredacted legal invoices and compared them against what was provided to Mr. Cromar. After that comparative review, the Records Committee unanimously held that the City had only redacted privileged information and had previously given Mr. Cromar everything required by law. After the review, one member of the Records Committee, Ernest Rowley, commented that he was surprised at how obvious it was to him that the redacted communications were clearly privileged.

The Records Committee was not misled. It reviewed the complete legal invoices in camera, meaning without either Mr. Cromar or anyone from the City present. Mr. Cromar and attorney Jerry Dearinger vigorously argued that the Records Committee should require the City to provide some or all of the redacted information. The Records Committee unanimously disagreed. The Records Committee saw the information that was whited-out and held it was all privileged.

The City will continue to address any incorrect or misleading data that is presented and encourage residents to visit the City's website to receive these updates. Residents who have questions are encouraged to contact Mayor Gary Gygi or City Manager David Bunker. Contact information can be found online at www.cedarhills.org.

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