



## 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 city records. The City wishes to address those statements.

Allegations have been made that city records stored on a server are not secure, that staff who are responsible for city records are not following proper protocol, and that an investigation into the mayor and city recorder is in order. None of these allegations are true.

City staff and officials take security very seriously, and also do everything necessary to comply with various laws. With regards to city records, all records that are required by law to be maintained are done so on a secure server, which is kept in a climate controlled locked room so that no unauthorized persons may access the contents. Additionally, all contents of the city server are backed up at an offsite location so that if the city server was damaged in any way, the contents are recoverable. The city recorder has the ability to access the server from her desktop and does not need physical access to the server in order to maintain city records.

As far as access to the server, the allegation made that the mayor can log in to the server and alter records is false. All employees and officials have a unique username and password that can be used to access email and only those records needed for their day-to-day work activities. The only person who has unlimited access to the server and who has the ability to change server characteristics is the third party IT vendor hired by the city to maintain the server and handle all IT aspects within the city. Nobody within the city, including the city manager and mayor, has that level of access. This ensures that the security of the server is not compromised with the changing of staff or officials.

While there are some who can find conspiracy and fault in everything, their allegations have no merit and continue to be used as an attempt to harass and intimidate those who work for the city. Staff and officials have participated in numerous trainings regarding GRAMA laws and the storage of city records and are complying with all aspects of the law. City records are maintained properly and are secure, and all GRAMA requests are being fulfilled as required by law.

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