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February 25, 2016

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EP-1

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Mr. Schroedter:

The Village of Elmwood Park is in receipt of your February 18, 2016, Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*) ("FOIA") request for the following records:

+ A copy of the most recent contract with GW & Associates, Gonzalez & Associates or its affiliates. The president of GW is Chicago Heights Mayor David Gonzalez.

+ Copies of documents sufficient to show the date GW & Associates, Gonzalez & Associates or its affiliates was originally hired.

+ Copies of documents sufficient to show total payments to GW & Association, Gonzalez & Associates or related company in the following calendar years: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016."

Please be advised that your FOIA request is denied because the Village of Elmwood Park maintains no records that are responsive to your FOIA request.

The person responsible for the decision to deny your FOIA request is the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer, Gina Pesko. In accordance with Section 9(a) of FOIA, you are hereby notified that you have the right to file a Request for Review regarding the

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decision made by the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer with the Public Access Counselor at the Illinois Attorney General's Office. You can file your Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor by writing to:

Sarah Pratt  
Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor.

You are also notified that you have the right to judicial review regarding the decision made by the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer pursuant to Section 11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

STORINO, RAMELLO & DURKIN  
Attorneys for the Village of Elmwood Park

  
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