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The Honorable Ken Paxton
Texas Attorney General
Open Records Division
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, Texas 78711-2548

Re: Public Information Act Request from Alma Walzer Santos to the City of Mission;
Mission 26-373.

Dear General Paxton:

Our law firm serves as counsel to the City of Mission (the "City"). The City received a request for information from Alma Walzer Santos on April 15, 2026, (see **Exhibit 1**, attached) pursuant to the Public Information Act, Tex. Gov't Code § 552.001, *et seq.* (the "Act"). The request seeks: "*Results of external investigation of Mission Fire Department, in connection with complaints filed by Joseph Fisher and/or Margaret Fisher.*"

On April 29, 2026, the City submitted a request for a ruling (see **Exhibit 2**, attached) to your office regarding this request for information pursuant to § 552.301(b) of the Act. The fifteenth business day following the request for information is May 6, 2026. Accordingly, this submission is timely.

The City believes the responsive information, attached as **Exhibit 3**, is confidential and/or excepted from disclosure pursuant to §552.101 (*Common-Law Privacy*) and §552.102(a) (*Personnel Privacy*) of the Government Code.

Common-Law Privacy – Texas Government Code §552.101

Section 552.101 excepts from disclosure information made confidential by law, including information protected by the doctrine of common-law privacy. Common-law privacy protects information that (1) contains highly intimate or embarrassing facts, the release of which would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person, and (2) is not of legitimate public concern. *Indus. Found. v. Tex. Indus. Accident Bd.* 540 S.W.2d 668, 685 (Tex. 1976).

The City asserts that the responsive information submitted as **Exhibit 3** must be withheld under Common-Law Privacy. The submitted report in **Exhibit 3** contains detailed allegations of

[REDACTED] The report further contains

[REDACTED]

Your Office has long recognized that allegations of misconduct [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The City asserts that release of these detailed [REDACTED] allegations, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would be highly objectionable to a reasonable person and that the public's legitimate interest is sufficiently served through disclosure of the general outcome of the investigation without disclosure of the intimate factual allegations and identifying details contained throughout the report.

Accordingly, the City respectfully requests that the Attorney General issue a ruling that the submitted information in **Exhibit 3** be withheld in its entirety under Common-Law Privacy as it reveals highly intimate and embarrassing information, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of City employees.

Texas Government Code §552.102(a)- Confidentiality of Personnel Information

Section 552.101 (a) states that information is excepted from the requirements of Section 552.021 if it is information in a personnel file, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, except that all information in the personnel file of an employee of a governmental body is to be made available to that employee or the employee's designated representative as public information is made available under this chapter.

The Investigation Report submitted as **Exhibit 3** directly relates and details complaints made against City employees and evaluates allegations relating to employee conduct. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Disclosure of detailed investigative allegations and credibility assessments [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the employees' personal privacy interests. The privacy interests implicated here are particularly strong given that the allegations involve sensitive workplace accusations including alleged [REDACTED]

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The City requests that the Attorney General allow the City to withhold the information in **Exhibit 3**, pursuant to section 552.102(a).

In conclusion, the City requests the Attorney General to render an opinion regarding whether the information in **Exhibit 3** is protected from disclosure as described above.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alyssa M. Aleman

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cc: City of Mission