

Joanne Bungert

From: Deanna Debruler
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 9:55 AM
To: Joanne Bungert
Subject: FW: Records Request
Attachments: CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS 4-7-2020.pdf; Copy of Summary Statement of the Board of Canvassers.pdf; Copy of Tabular Statement of Votes Cast.pdf

My response. I felt I needed to share Kris' explanation on what they do since she's looking for something like what Madison does.

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Dear Ms. Harte,

Re: Open Records Request – April 16 2020-a Board of Canvassers' Statement

This email is in response to your open records request dated April 16, 2020 (see below) wherein you requested the breakdown of reasons for absentee ballots being rejected) Board of Canvassers' Statement) . Please be advised that your request has been granted. The records responsive to your request have been provided by the Clerk's Office and are attached. The City of Green Bay Clerk's Office enters the absentee ballots into the WisVote system with the category they fall under (undeliverable, rejected, etc.). They use the EL-106 from the Wisconsin Election Commission's website.

The determination not to release certain records is subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1) or upon application to the Attorney General or District Attorney. If you have any questions, please contact the Green Bay City Attorney's Office at 920-448-3080.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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From: Harte, Julia (Reuters) [mailto:Julia.Harte@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 4:40 PM
To: Deanna Debruler <Deannade@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: RE: Records Request

Thanks, Deanna. Was a Board of Canvassers' Statement prepared for Green Bay? That should have included the breakdown of reasons for absentee ballots being rejected (see attached Board of Canvassers' Statement from Madison, for example).

From: Deanna Debruler <Deannade@greenbaywi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 5:01 PM
To: Harte, Julia (Reuters) <Julia.Harte@thomsonreuters.com>
Subject: Records Request

Dear Ms. Harte,

Re: Open Records Request – April 15 2020 (see below)

This email is in response to your open records request dated April 15, 2020 (see below) wherein you requested the number of absentee ballots received and rejected in the municipality of Green Bay in the April 7, 2020 election. In addition to the total number of absentee ballots received and rejected, the breakdown of the reasons why the rejected ballots were not counted. Please be advised that your request has been granted. The records responsive to your request have been provided by the Clerk's Office and is attached.

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From: Harte, Julia (Reuters) [<mailto:Julia.Harte@thomsonreuters.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:14 PM
To: ClerkInquiries <ClerkInquiries@greenbaywi.gov>
Subject: Green Bay open records request

Dear Kris,

I hope this finds you well. I'm a reporter for Reuters, and under the Wisconsin Open Records Law, §19.31 et seq., I am requesting copies of public records that contain the number of absentee ballots received and rejected in the municipality of Green Bay in the April 7, 2020 election. In addition to the total number of absentee ballots received and rejected, I am also seeking a breakdown of the reasons why the rejected ballots were not counted (e.g. how many absentee ballots were rejected because they were not received by the deadline; how many absentee ballots were rejected because the voter was ineligible to vote; and so forth). I would like to receive this information in the form of a digital .doc or .pdf file or a spreadsheet, whichever can be sent fastest via email.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$25.00. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the April 7 election. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

I request a response in writing, within the 5 days described by law, if you intend to deny this request. Also, if you expect a significant delay in fulfilling this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. If you conclude that portions of the records that I request are exempt from disclosure, please release the remainder of such records for inspection and copying, redacting only the portion or portions that you claim are exempt.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Julia

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