

Joanne Bungert

Subject: FW: Records Request-Wisconsin Right Now
Attachments: Wisconsin Election Observer Log.pdf

Dear Mr. Piwowarczyk,

Re: Open Records Request – November 5, 2020 (see below)

This email is in response to your open records request received on November 5, 2020 (see below). Pursuant to a review of our records, your request has been granted. The responsive record as to Item 3 of your request is attached. There are no records responsive for Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Please note that under Open Records law the City is not obligated to answer questions or provide information but provide access to and copies of records. However, as a courtesy the Mayor's Office has been able to provide an answer to Item 1.

1: Amaad's role, as described to him and to others in phone conversations, was to hand out badges and info to staff and to corral the media.

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: Wisconsin Right Now <jim.wirightnow@gmail.com>

Date: November 5, 2020 at 8:29:29 PM CST

To: Amaad Rivera <Amaad.Rivera@greenbaywi.gov>, Eric Genrich <Eric.Genrich@greenbaywi.gov>, Celestine Jeffreys <Celestine.Jeffreys@greenbaywi.gov>, michael@voteathome.org

Subject: Questions for You

Dear Mr. Rivera-Wagner and Mayor Genrich and Mr. Rubenstein,

We have some questions for a story we are working on for Wisconsin Right Now.com, a news site.

What role did Mr. Rivera-Wagner play at Central Count on election night? We were told you appeared to be running things and advising ballot counters what to do. What specifically did you do on election night for the city? Did he take the place of the city clerk?

It's our understanding that the city clerk was on leave. Is this true? What is the process to replace her? Was it appropriate that Mr. Rivera-Wagner played this role if you did? If not, who replaced her on election night? Is there a state law laying out the process of who can run an election ballot counting center if a city clerk can not? Should the Common Council have been given a vote on the replacement? Were they?

What role did Michael Rubenstein play on election night at Central Count? Why was he there? Was he removed from Central Count at all on election night or day? Why? If not, how long was he present and why? What was he doing?

The county clerk complained about his presence because he's paid by a private grant. Do you agree with her concerns that this is inappropriate and raises concerns?

She also believes that communication has disintegrated between her office and the city on election matters. Is this true? Why?

What did Vote at Home, Mr. Rubenstein's organization, provide to the city regarding the November election? Is it tied to the Center for Tech and Civic Life grant mentioned here? How?

<https://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/story/news/2020/09/24/wisconsin-election-green-bay-lines-up-polling-places-pushes-absentee-voting/5810372002/?fbclid=IwAR2cYBwj9j4uHz-clZ5aLvFBPDOrcc2hWqJc0uV9XnyuAvmyzhcO52gd5E> How much money did it provide and how was it used? Do you agree there are any concerns by its ties to some prominent Democrats?

The past comments and social media posts by Mr. Rivera-Wagner and Mr. Rubenstein indicate a strong partisan allegiance to Democrats and to the Biden campaign as well as being anti Donald Trump. Some people feel uncomfortable with your role on election night as a result. Is that fair? How can you assure people those partisan leanings did not play any role?

Please consider this an open records request for all documents related to the grant.

We do need a response by 3 p.m. tomorrow Nov. 6. Please call us at 414.745.3339 or provide a written response.

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