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Subject: Response to August 14, 2024 Letter Regarding Purported Violations of the Colorado Open Records Law

Dear Mr. Zansberg,

Having previously acknowledged receipt of your August 14, 2024 letter, please consider this the County's supplemental response.

The County does not agree with the various claims made in your August 14, 2024 letter claiming a violation of the Colorado Open Meetings Law occurred, nor with the letter's claims regarding applicable statutory interpretation related to the substantive issues set forth in your letter. Accordingly, we have directed the County Attorney to reach out to you with our response

The County has always worked to prioritize transparency and is determined to ensure that moving forward the process for contracting or renewing contracts for County Executive level positions is transparent in a manner that keeps the public informed, protects individual privacy, and establishes a clear and straightforward process which complies with statute and case law to accomplish this.

The County is actively working on a draft policy for this issue, and anticipates sharing a draft with you within the next 7-10 days, welcoming input and discussion from you and your clients as we craft the final policy prior to any adoption. Please feel free to reach out to the County Attorney at any point between now and receiving the draft policy if there are questions about where we are in the process.

Sincerely,

Chris Richardson, Commissioner District 1 (Chairman)

Dallas Schroeder, Commissioner District 2

Grant Thayer, Commissioner District 3