



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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September 26, 2013

Mr. Rick Brundrett
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1323 Pendleton Street
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Dear Mr. Brundrett,

On September 5, 2013, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for the following:

- (1) Gov. Nikki Haley's appointment earlier this year of James Warren and Twana Burris-Alcide to the S.C. State Ethic Commission. The requested records include, but are not limited to, emails, letters, memos, faxes and reports.
- (2) Any discussion or action by James Warren and Twana Burris-Alcide regarding the July 15 consent order involving Gov. Nikki Haley. The requested records include, but are not limited to, emails, letters, memos, faxes and reports.
- (3) The letter written by Ethics Commission Deputy Director Cathy Hazelwood to Gov. Nikki Haley regarding the governor's recent trip to North Carolina with two campaign aides in a state-issued vehicle.

Records responsive to part of your request have been located.

With regard to Item (1), records responsive to this request are enclosed. Be advised that some of the responsive records that were located are exempt and/or redacted pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a)(2) (information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy). The exempted records include confidential financial disclosures and credit reports submitted by the appointees.

With regard to Item (2), no records responsive to this request have been located.

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With regard to Item (3), Ms. Hazelwood did not send the letter you reference to the Governor's Office. Accordingly, any records responsive to this request are not in our possession.

Please be advised that costs associated to produce this request have been waived pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Swati S. Patel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Swati" being more prominent.

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel

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