



State of South Carolina
Office of The Lieutenant Governor

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Requests - Documents relating to Governor Henry as Lieutenant Governor

Dear Mr. Bogetich:

We received two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests from you on November 28, 2017 via email. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 30-40-30(c) (Supp. 2017), we are responding within the allowed ten business days.

In your first letter you requested twenty-one types of documents from the period on January 1, 2015 through January 24, 2017. Here is an itemized list of our responses to those requests:

1. Our office does not have copies of then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster's official daily calendars/appointment books.
2. It is our understanding that records of monetary compensation transfer with a person in state government when they change jobs, therefore records of then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster's monetary compensation from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor are no longer available through our payroll system. However we believe we may be able to compile this information from our finance records. We will provide this information as soon as practicable.
3. It is our understanding that records of insurance benefits transfer with a person in state government when they change jobs, therefore records of then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster's insurance benefits from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor are no longer available through our benefits records. We believe we may be able to compile this information from our finance records. Unlike the monetary compensation information, this information may not be personally identifiable within our finance records. We will attempt to provide this information but if we cannot we recommend that you contact the South Carolina Public Employee Benefits Authority.
4. It is our understanding that no so-called "cafeteria plan" payments or payments in-lieu of insurance benefits exist in South Carolina State Government. South Carolina does have a benefit called MoneyPlus, <https://peba.sc.gov/moneyplus.html>. We do not have records regarding this program for then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster. We recommend that you contact the South Carolina Public Employee Benefits Authority.

5. It is our understanding that records of retirement benefits transfer with a person in state government when they change jobs, therefore records of then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster's retirement benefits from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor are no longer available from benefits records. We believe we may be able to compile this information from our finance records. Unlike the monetary compensation information, this information may not be personally identifiable within our finance records. We will attempt to provide this information but if we cannot we recommend that you contact the South Carolina Public Employee Benefits Authority.

6. Then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster did not receive a vehicle allowance through our office, any state transportation provide to the Lieutenant Governor is provided by the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division as a component of their security detail.

7. Then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster was not provided any telephone or cellphone allowances other than being allowed access to the office phone system. We have not provided records of payments for the office phone system because they were not specifically allotted to then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster.

8. Then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster was not provided any other allowances or payments by the office.

9. It is our understanding that records of leave and vacation time move with a person in state government when they change jobs, therefore records of then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster's leave and vacation time from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor are no longer available from our office. We recommend that you contact the South Carolina Enterprise Information System division of the South Carolina Department of Administration.

10. Then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster did not receive any travel reimbursements from the Lieutenant Governor's Office for the period requested.

11. Then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster did not receive reimbursements for any other expenses from the Lieutenant Governor's Office for the period requested.

12. Please see attached documents for records of travel expenses directly incurred by the office for then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster. (Some confidential financial information has been redacted)

13. Please see attached documents for records of other expenses directly incurred by the office for then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster. (Some confidential financial information has been redacted)

14. We do not have records of charges incurred by then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster on a charge card other than those that may be included in the documents responsive to items 12 and 13.

15. There were not motor vehicles leased by our office for then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster, permanently assign to then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster by our office, nor otherwise provided by our office for then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster's transportation. Any state transportation provide to a Lieutenant Governor is provided by the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division as a component of their security detail.

16. We do not have trip logs for then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster's use of vehicles because he did not use a vehicle through our office.

17. We do not have records of all costs associated with then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster's use of vehicles because he did not use a vehicle through our office.

18. We do not have records of any accidents or motor vehicle code infractions involving then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster's use of vehicles because he did not use a vehicle through our office.

19. Other than a desktop computer, no electronic devices were issued, assigned, or provided to then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster by the office. Desktop computers in the Lieutenant Governor's Office are provided by the Legislative Service Agency (LSA). There is a desktop computer in the Lieutenant Governor's Office for the use of the Lieutenant Governor, however it is provided by LSA as a result of the Lieutenant Governor being the President of the Senate. The current computer model in the Lieutenant Governor's office is a Dell OptiPlex 9030 AIO Series, however we cannot verify whether this is the model that was in the office from January 1, 2015 to January 24, 2017. The Lieutenant Governor's Office does not incur an expense for the computer we do not have records of the acquisition date or costs. We recommend contacting LSA for that information.

20. There was not a cellular plan or data plan incurred by the office for then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster.

21. Again there was no a cellular plan or data plan incurred by the office for then-Lieutenant Governor McMaster.

In your second letter you requested "copies of all other South Carolina Freedom of Information Act requests submitted to the Office from January 1, 2017 to present." We cannot provide definitive records from January 1, 2017 to January 24, 2017; however we believe that there were no FOIA requests during this period. From January 25, 2017 to present, the office has received four FOIA requests other than your own. Please find these requests attached and the responses to two of the requests. The other two responses are being processed currently.

Please feel free to contact our office with any additional question.

Sincerely,



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Lieutenant Governor's Office