



Brief Mayoral Candidate Q-and-A on Open Records

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1. In your administration, would emails sent and received from private email accounts by elected officials and city employees related to public business be treated as public records? Why or why not?

Yes. Public records should be available to the public.

2. In your administration, would text messages sent and received from private and city-owned cell phones by elected officials and city employees related to public business be treated as public records? Why or why not?

Yes. Public records should be available to the public.

3. If you answered yes to either question, how would you ensure compliance?

Personal email accounts and cell phones should not be used to circumvent open and transparent government. I would encourage all City employees, including elected officials, to conduct the public's business using public, rather than personal, email accounts and telephones.

We live in an interconnected world, so occasionally emails or other messages relating to public business will be sent to personal accounts. We need a clear policy from the City Attorney incorporating recent court decisions as to how elected officials should respond and to create a cohesive disclosure and retention policy.