
From: FOIA
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Subject: FOIA 2024-03454 - Final Response from Genesee County, MI
Attachments: FOIA 2024-03454 - Tim Vetter (List of Voters 11.05.24).pdf; SECTION 10.doc.pdf

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Please accept this communication in response to the attached FOIA request, dated December 7, 2024, submitted by email to Genesee County's FOIA Specialist. I deemed the FOIA request officially received on December 10, 2024. I submitted an initial denial response to you on December 12, 2024 at 2:21 p.m., by electronic mail, advising that the records you requested did not exist in the files of the Genesee County Clerk's Office.

On December 12, 2024 at 8:29 p.m., you responded to the denial communication requesting that I reconsider the denial. On December 13, 2024 at 8:02 a.m., I advised that I reconsider the initial denial so I could consult with legal counsel and further advise you.

Now, please kindly accept this communication as my final response pertaining to your attached FOIA request wherein you request a copy of a ***"QVF data export containing a list of voters from your respective county in the state for the November 5, 2024 General Election"***. Please know that in responding to your FOIA request, I relied upon and received information from the Genesee County Clerk's Office and Genesee County's Corporation Counsel, I hereby certify.

Your FOIA request is denied.

The Qualified Voter File (QVF) is a statewide computerized system that is owned, maintained, and operated by the State of Michigan, Bureau of Elections. Although the Genesee County Clerk, in his official capacity, may access the QVF system, ultimately the data within thereof does not belong to this public body, i.e., Genesee County. It is recommended that you submit your FOIA request directly to the State of Michigan, Bureau of Elections, to receive the QVF data you are seeking.

To the extent this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to submit a written appeal via email to: foiaappeals@geneseecountymi.gov, addressed to the President of the Genesee County Board of County Commissioners, specifically stating the word "appeal" and identifying the reason or reasons for reversal of the disclosure denial. You are further advised that you have the right to seek judicial review of such denial and obtain attorney's fees and damages to the extent provided in, and subject to the conditions of, section 10 of the FOIA ("Section 10"). A copy of Section 10 is attached and is incorporated in this response by reference.

Copies of the Genesee County's FOIA Policy and Procedures, along with its FOIA Summary, are available on the county's website here:

https://www.geneseecountymi.gov/government/freedom_of_information.php.

Please feel free to visit the Genesee County Clerk's Office – Elections Division, located on the first floor of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, MI 48502, to obtain

assistance with elections. The Clerk's Office is open from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed for business on Fridays.

Respectfully submitted.

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