

January 22, 2018

To: **Assistant Texas Attorney General Cleve Doty**
cc: **All San Antonio City Council Members and U. S. Attorney John F. Bash**
Subject: Endemic Corruption — Texas Public Information Act Violation **[Revelation #9]**

San Antonio Express-News Staff Writers Buch and Baugh reported January 11 that “The Texas attorney general’s office will investigate these complaints (concerning Police Chief William McManus’ handling of a December 23 human-smuggling incident), and the procedure in Senate Bill 4 (indicates) litigation.” Our **Revelation #6, #7, and #8** emailed to City Council, copying you, addressed the Endemic Corruption surrounding the McManus matter. His alleged lawlessness has an earlier parallel that also involves your office:

1. The attached February 13, 2017 Open Records Request of San Antonio’s CFO Ben Gorzell observed that the city’s “\$850 Million Bond Program” (the financial representation the city made to our voters) omitted issuance and interest costs which could increase the total taxpayer/voter commitment to **\$1.306 billion**. CFO Gorzell refused to respond to the ORR, a *prima facie* violation of the Texas Public Information Act and possibly, the Texas Election Code.

2. Ms. Tamara Smith of your Open Records Division, Education and Enforcement Section received the attached April 4, 2017 letter (File ID #659080) offering a “Criminal Supplement” targeting Gorzell’s stonewalling and illustrating his fraud.

3. Then-Attorney General Greg Abbott declared in 2003, “I will protect the public’s access to information,” as cited in the attached November 8, 2017 letter to him, copying Attorney General Ken Paxton. (Our complaint was forwarded to District Attorney LaHood in response to your Brenda Vernon’s August 2, 2016 advice that he “has primary jurisdiction to pursue alleged criminal violations of the law.”)

The McManus incident, which you may rule violates immigration law, is serious in isolation. When it is but another expression of endemic corruption, it betrays City Council negligence in allowing the abuse of power by unelected bureaucracies. The city’s secessionist sanctuary attitude will be hard to dislodge in this environment. But Governor Abbott promised, **“I will vigilantly enforce open government laws and I will protect the public’s access to information. It’s essential to ensuring public confidence and accountability.”**

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