

R292174-082726 - Public Records Request

Message History (7)

On 9/2/2026 12:50:01 PM, Gwinnett County Open Records wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Public Records Request :: R292174-082726

Body:

RE: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST of August 27, 2026., Reference # R292174-082726.

Dear Gwinnett Animal Shelter Advocates,

The obligation under the Open Records Act is to provide documents. We are not required to answer questions. This request is complete. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Meagean Diaz

Legal Manager/Open Records Officer

On 9/2/2026 12:29:45 PM, Gwinnett Animal Shelter Advocates wrote:

Hi Meagean - I understand the County's position that the contents of the email are entirely exempt under O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(41).

However, my other questions were not addressed.

Please provide the date, sender, recipient(s), CC/BCC recipients, and subject line of the withheld email. This basic identifying information does not, on its face, disclose the substance of any attorney-client communication or legal advice.

I also asked whether the search identified any response from Allison Cauthen (or any other attorney) concerning Commissioner Ku's request for the County's written response/talking points, and whether the withheld email is such a communication. Please answer that question as well.

For context, Ms. Cauthen was BCC'd on Lindsey Jorstad's July 10 email concerning Commissioner Ku's request, and the County produced that email. I am therefore trying to determine what responsive communication followed Commissioner Ku's July 14 request that the County provide its response in writing.

On 9/2/2026 9:01:00 AM, Gwinnett County Open Records wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Public Records Request :: R292174-082726

Body:

RE: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST of August 27, 2026., Reference # R292174-082726.

Dear Gwinnett Animal Shelter Advocates,

The email withheld is entirely exempt pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(41).

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Meagean Diaz

Legal Manager/Open Records Officer

On 9/2/2026 6:02:03 AM, Gwinnett Animal Shelter Advocates wrote:

Hi Meagean,

Thank you. The two emails provided are the same emails that prompted this request. They establish that Commissioner Ku requested the County's official position/talking points regarding the issues on our website and subsequently requested a written response that he could refer to rather than a meeting.

I have a few questions regarding the one additional responsive email that was withheld in its entirety under O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(41).

Can you please provide the date, sender, recipients (including CC/BCC), and subject line of the withheld email, to the extent that information is not itself privileged?

Also, did the search identify any written response from Allison Cauthen regarding Commissioner Ku's request? I noticed that Ms. Cauthen was BCC'd on Lindsey Jorstad's July 10 email, which was produced. If the withheld email is a response from or communication with Ms. Cauthen, can you please confirm that?

Finally, because O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(b) provides that the section should be interpreted narrowly to exclude only the portion of a public record to which an exclusion directly applies, can you please confirm whether the withheld email was reviewed for segregable non-privileged portions that could be produced with any privileged material redacted?

Thank you.

On 9/1/2026 12:30:06 PM, Gwinnett County Open Records wrote:

Subject: [Records Center] Public Records Request :: R292174-082726

Body:

RE: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST of August 27, 2026., Reference # R292174-082726.

Dear Gwinnett Animal Shelter Advocates

Gwinnett County has reviewed its files. An email responsive to your request is exempt from disclosure under the Georgia Open Records Act and has been **excluded** for the following reason:

O.C.G.A. § 50-18-72(a)(41)-Records containing attorney-client privileged communications.

Please log in to the Open Records Center at the following link to retrieve the remaining responsive documents. These 2 emails were previously provided to you through request R289048-080926. No additional records exist responsive to your request.

[Gwinnett County Public Records Center](#) Public Records Request - R292174-082726

- Click on **My Request Center**
- Click on **View My Requests** - Choose the request you want to view.
- Click on **View Files**
 - Your request will open, and any files/attachments associated with the request. Click on the title of the document you wish to download from the **“Files”** box.
 - **Note:** If you are using Chrome as your browser, the documents will download at the bottom of the screen. You will need to click on the document(s) at the bottom of the screen once it downloads to open/view the file. If the files do not appear to be downloading, please check your firewall and pop-up blocker settings.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact my office at 770.822.8712.

Sincerely,

Meagean Diaz

Legal Manager/Open Records Officer

On 8/27/2026 12:14:50 PM, Gwinnett County Open Records wrote:



Dear Gwinnett Animal Shelter Advocates:

Thank you for your interest in public records of Gwinnett County. Your request has been received and is being processed in accordance with the Georgia Open Records Act. Your request was received in this office on 8/27/2026 and given the reference number R292174-082726 for tracking purposes.

Records Requested: On July 9, 2026, Hunter Coleman emailed Katrina Helman, copying Lindsey Jorstad and Commissioner Ku

“For the issues listed on the website, Commissioner Ku wanted to know what the County’s official position or talking points would be for each.”

On July 14, 2026, Mr. Coleman subsequently emailed Lindsey Jorstad, copying Commissioner Ku and Katrina Helman, stating:

“I spoke with Commissioner Ku, and he would prefer a written response that he can refer to rather than a meeting.”

Please provide:

- The written response, talking points, memorandum, briefing document, email, or other written material prepared or provided in response to Commissioner Ku’s request.
- Any communications transmitting that written response or written material to Commissioner Ku or Hunter Coleman.
- If responsive, any drafts or communications between Lindsey Jorstad and Katrina Helman concerning the preparation or content of the requested written response.

For purposes of identifying the records, the relevant email chain was titled “Candidate Questionnaire & Meeting Invitation for Animal Welfare,” and the written response was requested on July 14, 2026.

If any responsive record is withheld in whole or in part, please identify the specific statutory exemption relied upon for each withholding or redaction.

Please provide an estimated cost before performing any chargeable work.

Your request will be forwarded to the relevant department(s) to locate the information you seek and to determine the volume and any costs associated with satisfying your request. You will be contacted about the availability and/or provided with copies of the records in question **within 3 business days**. PLEASE NOTE: The Georgia Open Records Act does not require a governmental body to create new information, to do legal research, or to answer questions.

You can monitor the progress of your request at the link below and you'll receive an email when your request has been completed. Again, thank you for using the Open Records Center.

Gwinnett County

To monitor the progress or update this request please log into the [Open Records Center](#)



On 8/27/2026 12:14:48 PM, Gwinnett Animal Shelter Advocates wrote:

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