



September 18, 2024

FOIL Records Access Officer
New York County District Attorney's Office
One Hogan Place, New York, NY 10013

Attn: Records Access Officer, Freedom of Information Law Request: Communications Regarding Authentic Campaigns and Loren Merchan

Records Access Officer,

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1. Custodians:

- a. The Records Access Officer, Office of the General Counsel, Civil Litigation Unit;
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- c. Cyrus Vance;
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- p. Matthew Colangelo;
 - q. Susan Hoffinger;
 - r. Peter Pope;
 - s. Katherine Ellis;
 - t. Georgia Longstreet (collectively, “Custodians”).
2. **Requested Records**: Pursuant to the New York Freedom of Information law, N.Y. Pub. Off. Law § 86 et seq., AFPI requests disclosure of the following records, created, generated, or otherwise made within the period of January 1, 2023, to the date of production, unless otherwise specified below:
- a. All internal communications—via email (including CCs and BCCs), SMS text, Signal, WhatsApp, or other messaging platforms—and calendar records mentioning or regarding Authentic Campaigns or Loren Merchan.
 - b. All emails or other similar messages sent to or received from (including CCs and BCCs) any of the following individuals regarding Authentic Campaigns or Loren Merchan
 - i. Judge Juan Merchan;
 - ii. Lelita James
 - iii. Loren Merchan;
 - iv. Erin Wilson;
 - v. Megan Jones.
 - c. All emails or other similar messages sent to or received from (including CCs and BCCs) any of the following email domains which pertain to matters that are not purely of personal concern:
 - i. @mail.house.gov;
 - ii. @who.eop.gov;
 - iii. @usjod.gov;
 - iv. @authenticcampaigns.com.
 - d. All SMS text, signal, WhatsApp, or similar communications to, from, or mentioning, or calendar records involving, any of the following persons:
 - i. Judge Juan Merchan;
 - ii. Loren Merchan;
 - iii. Any person who is employed by Authentic Campaigns
 - iv. Any person who is employed by the Office of the Vice President.

- e. All emails sent to, or received by (including CCs and BCCs), Alvin Bragg, Matthew Colangelo, or Susan Hoffinger without a subject line except those that are of purely personal concern.
 - f. All records relating to the processing and fulfillment of this FOIL request.
3. **Exclusions.** The above made requests shall exclude any records of communication or exchange between the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and (1) the FBI; (2) the U.S. Department of Justice; or (3) the Attorney General of New York, which pertain to criminal or civil cases that do not involve Donald J. Trump.
4. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this request:
- a. The phrase "purely of personal concern" shall mean matters of personal interest to the parties involved that have no bearing on public affairs, public policy political matters, or the work of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. Examples of matters of purely personal concern include birthday greetings or condolences on the death of a loved one.

AFPI, as a news media requestor, seeks a waiver of all search and duplication fees. The requested documents will be posted in their entirety on our website and made freely available to the public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. Processing should occur in strict compliance with applicable state laws and regulations. Among other things, you must search the custodian's personal emails and devices. Encrypted messaging does not shield disclosable records from public view. Please contact me at [REDACTED] with any questions.

Also, if AFPI's fee waiver request is not granted in full, please contact us immediately upon making that determination. To accelerate your release of responsive records, AFPI welcomes production on an agreed rolling basis. Please provide responsive records in an electronic format by email. Alternatively, please provide responsive records in native format or in PDF format on a USB drive to America First Policy Institute, [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

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