



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GINA M. RAIMONDO

GINA M. RAIMONDO, GOVERNOR

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Mr. Justin Katz
Via Email: jkatz@oceanstatecurrent.com

Dear Mr. Katz:

This letter is in response to your Access to Public Records Act request received by the Office of the Governor on September 14, 2015. You requested:

“Under APRA (if necessary), may I have all documents related to Donald Lally hiring, please? Including but not limited to:

- * Any contracts or agreements related to his employment.
- * Correspondence and summaries of meetings or phone conversations prior to his hiring.
- * Correspondence and summaries of meetings or phone conversations related to his official activities.”

This letter serves as a response to your request.

Our office has completed a thorough review of the requested materials. There are materials that are responsive to your request but are being withheld, as they are not deemed “public.” R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-2(4). Those records not deemed public include “[a]ll records relating to a client/attorney relationship...” and “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, impressions, memoranda, working papers, and work products; provided, however, any documents submitted at a public meeting of a public body shall be deemed public.” R.I. Gen. Laws §38-2-2(4)(A)(I)(a),(K).

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-7’s directive to inform you of the procedures for appeal. Please be advised that you “may petition the chief administrative officer of [this] public body for a review of” my response to your request. R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2-8. Please address any such appeal to Stephen Neuman, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, State House, 82 Smith Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903.

Sincerely,

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Special Counsel