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RE: OMA Request for Review – 2024 PAC 82010

Dear Mr. Vasselli and Mr. Paine:

This letter is issued pursuant to section 3.5(f) of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) (5 ILCS 120/3.5(f) (West 2022)). For the reasons explained below, the Public Access Bureau will take no further action with respect to the above-referenced Request for Review.

On July 1, 2024, Mr. James M. Vasselli submitted a Request for Review to the Public Access Bureau on behalf of his client, alleging that the Palatine Park District (Park District) Board of Park Commissioners (Board) improperly took final action at its May 13, 2024, meeting without having provided sufficient advance notice on the agenda. Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Andrew S. Paine informed the Public Access Bureau by e-mail that he and his firm represent the Park District and that Mr. Vasselli filed suit against the Board concerning the same allegations under section 3(a) of OMA (5 ILCS 120/3(a) (West 2022)).

Section 3.5(f) of OMA provides:

If the requester files suit under Section 3 with respect to the same alleged violation that is the subject of a pending request for

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review, the requester shall notify the Public Access Counselor, and the Public Access Counselor shall take no further action with respect to the request for review and shall so notify the public body.

Because Mr. Vasselli is filing suit under section 3(a) of OMA, section 3.5(f) of OMA precludes the Public Access Counselor from taking further action with respect to this matter.

Accordingly, this letter serves to close this matter. If you have questions, please contact me at c.lucentemccullough@ilag.gov.

Very truly yours,



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