

CITY OF PITTSBURGH

Department of Law

William Peduto, Mayor

Celia B. Liss, Open Records Officer

November 22, 2017

J. Dale Shoemaker
PublicSource
746 E. Warrington Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15210

RE: RTK No. 48-04-2017

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:

On October 20, 2017, the City of Pittsburgh Open Records Office received your written request for records pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law (RTKL), 65 P.S. §67.101 *et seq.* Your specific request is as follows.

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Open Records Law, 65 P.S. § 67.101 et seq., I respectfully request all documents related to the bid the City of Pittsburgh and its partners made to Amazon Inc. to locate it's "HQ2" facility in Pittsburgh or the surrounding region. I also request all related documents, including but not limited to:

- 1. A full copy of the proposal the City of Pittsburgh and its partners submitted to Amazon Inc. on Oct. 19, 2017 to be the home of the company's second headquarters, titled "Future. Forged. For All." as well as all supplementary materials.*
- 2. All documents related to the sites the city proposed Amazon Inc. could occupy.*
- 3. All documents related to the incentives offered by the state of Pennsylvania, the city of Pittsburgh and/or Allegheny County "to offset initial capital outlay and ongoing operational costs" of Amazon, as detailed in Amazon's request for proposals.*

Upon investigation, I have determined that the bid you seek is not a public record. See 65 P.S. §§67.708(b)(11); 708(b)(22); 708(b)(26).

Upon further investigation, I have determined that your request does not fall under the criteria set forth under Section 703 of the RTKL, 65 P.S. §67.703. A request must be specific enough to identify or describe the records sought. "All related documents" as requested in the preamble to your request and "All documents" and/or "all supplementary materials" as referred to in Items 1, 2, and/or 3 of your request is too broad. Accordingly, the request is denied in its entirety.

To the extent anything requested does not exist, the RTKL instructs that the City is not required to create records which do not currently exist. See 65 P.S. §67.705. Additionally, nothing in the RTKL shall be construed to modify, rescind or supersede any of the City's record retention policies. See 65 P.S. §67.507.

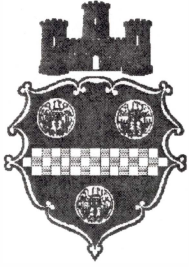
If you feel that any aspect of this response to your request is in error, you may take an appeal by writing to Erik Arneson, Executive Director, Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120. If you wish to take an appeal, you must do so within fifteen (15) business days of the date of this letter. See 65 P.S. §67.1101.

Sincerely,



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- 1. All responses to the City's Request for Expressions of Interest it issued to property owners as part of its search for sites to offer to Amazon Inc.*
- 2. All correspondence the City distributed to potential partners in response to Amazon Inc.'s Request for Proposals. These may include letters, emails or other forms of communication the City used to solicit advice and talent outside of its own workforce.*
- 3. A detailed list of all of the partners, paid or unpaid, the City of Pittsburgh worked with to prepare its bid to Amazon Inc.*
- 4. All documents, including contracts and agreements, that detail how much money and other resources the City and each of its partners spent to produce the final bid to Amazon Inc. This could also include an itemized budget of actual expenses, if it exists.*

Upon investigation, I have determined that the records you seek with respect to Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 of your request are not public. See 65 P.S. §§67.708(b)(11); 708(b)(22); 708(b)(26). Accordingly, your request is denied in its entirety.

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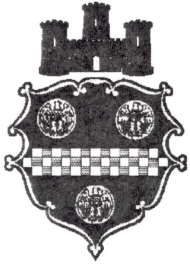
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Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Open Records Law, 65 P.S. § 67.101 et seq, I respectfully request all correspondence between Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Stefani Pashman, CEO of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, related to the bid to Amazon Inc. for its second headquarters the City and County worked together on. These documents include but are not limited to:

- 1. All emails exchanged between Mayor Bill Peduto, his chief of staff Kevin Acklin, County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and CEO Stefani Pashman between September 1, 2017 and October 19, 2017*
- 2. A detailed list of all meetings Mayor Bill Peduto attended related to Pittsburgh's bid for Amazon's second headquarters. This list should include dates, times, locations and attendees of all meetings as well as other related documents.*

Upon investigation, with respect to Item 1 of your request, the records you seek are not public. See 65 P.S. §§67.708(b)(10)(i)(A); 708(b)(11); 708(b)(22); 708(b)(26). This part of your request is denied. With respect to Item 2 of your request, we have determined that the City is not in possession of the detailed list of mayoral meetings related to Pittsburgh's bid for Amazon's second headquarters. Accordingly, your request is denied in its entirety. As a courtesy to you, however, I suggest you reference the Mayor's schedule here: <http://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases.html?id=1205>

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