



Town of Apple Valley

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February 23, 2017

Via Regular U.S. Mail

Greg Raven
20258 US Highway 18, Suite 430-513
Apple Valley, CA 92307

RE: Public Records Request Received February 14, 2017 – Determination

Dear Mr. Raven:

This letter is in response to your request for records made under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code §§ 6250-6276.48) and dated February 14, 2017, wherein you requested documentation related to the Town’s legal services. Regarding Items 1, 3 and 4 of your request, Town staff members have located documents responsive to this item of your request. The Town has identified 101 pages of partial responsive records. The Town’s duplication cost is \$.20 per page for a total of \$20.20.

Please be advised that these records have been redacted to withhold account and bank routing numbers. Account and bank routing numbers are confidential financial information. The public interest served in protecting confidential financial information clearly outweighs any public interest served by disclosure of such confidential information. (Gov. Code § 6255, subd. (a).)

Regarding Item 5 of your request, the hourly rates charged by Best Best & Krieger for Specialized Legal Services are as follows:

<u>Special Services</u>	<u>2015 / 2016 Rate/Hr.</u>
Partner	\$309.00 / \$314.00
Of Counsel	\$299.00 / \$303.00
Associate	\$271.00 / \$275.00
Associate 2	\$255.00 / \$259.00
Paralegal/Research Analyst/Clerk	\$163.00 / \$165.00
Admin Asst.	\$109.00 / \$111.00

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Finally, Town staff members are continuing to search for, gather, and examine documents responsive to Item 2 of your request. We estimate that another group of responsive documents will be made available to you beginning Thursday, March 2, 2017.

The Public Records Act requires the Town to provide a written response when a records request is denied, either in whole or in part. (Gov. Code § 6255, subd. (b).) The Public Records Act also requires that notification of denial of any request for records must include the names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denial. (Gov. Code § 6253, subd. (d).) With the name and title of the undersigned, this letter fulfills both of the aforementioned legal requirements.

Please be assured that Town staff members will continue to work diligently and are making every effort to respond effectively to your request.

Sincerely,



La Vonda M-Pearson
Town Clerk

cc: Frank W. Robinson, Town Manager
John E. Brown, Town Attorney
Thomas A. Rice, Deputy Town Attorney