AMERICAN CENTER
for LAW & JUSTICE

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Town of Somerset
EJ Hardwick
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RE: MPIA Request to examine the records regarding registration of non-citizens to vote

Dear Public Records Custodian:

Under the Maryland Public Information Act, pursuant to MD. GEN. PROVISIONS CODE ANN. § 4-101 *et seq*. ("MPIA") and MD. GENERAL PROVISIONS CODE ANN. § 4-201 *et seq.*, the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ)[1] requests your records regarding registration of non-citizens to vote.

Background

In 2017, the town of Somerset approved an amendment to the Somerset Charter, Art. V § 83-21, permitting non-citizens to vote in local elections.

Records Requested

For purposes of this Request, and unless otherwise indicated, the timeframe of records requested herein is June 1, 2017, through the date of receipt of this Request. All terms used herein have the definitions given by the MPIA.

The ACLJ requests copies of the following records be provided via email:

1. The voter registry listing non-citizens voters, however titled, showing all fields created by the charter amendment referenced above, in any format.

2. All records concerning implantation of the charter amendment referenced above.

[1] The ACLJ is a not-for-profit 50l(c) (3) organization dedicated to the defense of constitutional liberties secured by law. The ACLJ regularly monitors governmental activity concerning abortion and works to inform the public of such affairs. The ACLJ and its global affiliated organizations are committed to ensuring governmental accountability and the ongoing viability of freedom and liberty in the United States and around the world.

Conclusion

If this Request is denied in whole or in part, the ACLJ requests that, within the time requirements imposed by the MPIA, the custodian agency support all denials by reference to specific MPIA exemptions and provide any statutorily or judicially required explanatory information.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform the ACLJ if the cost will exceed $500. However, the ACLJ respectfully requests a waiver of all fees because the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest. The ACLJ will disseminate the records requested to the public via multiple media platforms and, as such, the records are requested for news gathering purposes. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this Request. Please furnish all applicable records and direct any responses to:

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Benjamin P. Sisney
John A. Monaghan
American Center for Law and Justice
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I affirm that the foregoing request and attached documentation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

AMERICAN CENTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE

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