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Mr. Thomas Bonfield - City Manager Mr. Kerry Goode – Director, Technology Solutions Department Ms. Regina Youngblood – Director, Human Resources Mr. David Boyd – Director, Finance Department 101 City Hall Plaza Durham, NC 27701

Re: North Carolina Public Records Request

VIA EMAIL

Dear Mr. Bonfield and others:

I am writing you as a Durham resident and voter. I request, pursuant to North Carolina Public Records Law, G.S. §132-1 *et. sec.*, copies of all public records (as defined by §132-1) and other public information listed below that was made or received by your respective departments. I am sending this via email for our mutual convenience and because of the number of departments involved. If you require that this request be delivered by US mail, please let me know that in writing within three business days.

- 1. Public records that contain the word "Israel" or "Israeli:"
 - a. in the body, header or footer of the public record;
 - b. in a stamp or other impression made onto the public record;
 - c. in the sound or soundtrack that is part of the public record; and/or
 - d. in a label or name describing the public record.
- 2. Public records that were mailed to or received from any person in Israel.
- 3. Public records related in any way to the following:
 - a. the Anti-Defamation League (ADL);
 - b. the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE);
 - c. the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA);
 - d. an Israeli police department or a member of an Israeli police department;
 - e. the Israeli military or a member of the Israeli military; and/or
 - f. any person or group involved in any way in the exchange of information, training, supplies and/or equipment between police officers or departments within the United States and any member of an Israeli police department or any member of the Israeli military.
- 4. Public records related to the purchase or receipt (if free or donated) of surplus Department of Defense equipment, including, but not limited to, supplies, weapons and surveillance equipment, for the last 20 years.

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- 5. Public records related in any way to former Chief Jose Lopez' trip or trips to Israel, and Chief Davis' trip or trips to Israel, including, but not limited to:
 - a. all correspondence leading up to, during and following such trip(s);
 - b. any agendas, programs, itineraries, course or training materials related to such trips;
 - c. any information exchanged about racial profiling, militarization, police methods, "predictive policing," "broken windows" approaches, counter-terrorism, spying or surveillance;
 - d. any information related to finances, financial requests, financial payments, vouchers or voucher requests, travel arrangements, receipts, scheduling and logistics;
 - e. correspondence to or from Human Resources; and
 - f. any other documents or materials not described above that were received from or shared with any member of the Israeli military or any member of an Israeli police department before, during or after such trip(s).
- 6. Public records related in any way to Police Chief Davis' efforts regarding the exchange of information, training, supplies and/or equipment between police officers or departments in the United States and any member of an Israeli police department or the Israeli military.
- 7. Any archived records, including archived emails and/or documents, and any records placed in storage or some similar location, related to public record request items 1-6 set out above.

Please note – these requests are very similary to a request for documents to the Durham Police Department on December 19, 2017, with the exception of items 5d, 5e and 7.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$50.00. However, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of exchanges between the Durham Police and the Israeli police and military. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

I would prefer to receive the documents in electronic form, either on a thumb drive or similar storage device, or via email though a designated Dropbox file or file connected to a similar web storage program. If there is a significant cost difference between the different methods to produce the requested documents, please inform me of this immediately.

The law requires that you respond to and fulfill this request "as promptly as possible." If you expect a delay of more than 30 days in responding to and fulfilling this request, please inform me within the next 30 days as to when I might expect copies of the requested records.

If you deny any of these requests, please list each request or portion of a request to which you object, cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release such information in that request, and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this public records request.

Sincerely,

Thomas Stern