

## Matthew Tortorice

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**From:** Matthew Tortorice  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026 4:43 PM  
**To:** Eric Hutchins; City Council  
**Subject:** Re: Margaret Concerned Citizens Open Records Request  
**Attachments:** PUBLIC RECORD REQUEST FORM.pdf

Mr. Hutchins,

The City of Margaret acknowledges receipt of your correspondence dated February 26, 2026 requesting records pursuant to the Alabama Open Records Act.

The City has reviewed the request and identified responsive records relating to the items listed in your letter. These records include, among other materials:

- Financial balance sheet summaries for City accounts as requested
- Audit reports for the years 2015 through 2025
- Records reflecting rank and compensation for police personnel hired during the current administration
- The City of Margaret Employment Handbook covering the years 2020 through the present

With respect to the request for job postings for police officer and Chief of Police positions, the City did not issue formal public job postings during the relevant period. Accordingly, the City has no responsive documents relating to postings, as no such postings were made.

The total volume of responsive documents is approximately **475 pages**. Pursuant to the Alabama Open Records Act and the City's standard copying policy, the cost of reproduction is **\$1.00 per page**, for a total of **\$475.00**. As a courtesy, the City has not included staff time associated with gathering and preparing the responsive records.

The records will be available for pickup upon receipt of payment. Payment must be made prior to release of the documents. Once payment is received, the records will be prepared and made available for inspection or pickup at City Hall.

Additionally, several supplemental pages will be included without charge to provide context regarding certain assertions referenced in your correspondence. These materials are provided solely as a courtesy and are not part of the formal records request.

For clarity, the only official information requests submitted to the City are those included with your correspondence. The City previously prepared a similar records request for a resident; however, when the standard per-page fee was presented in the same manner as above, payment and follow-up were not received.

If you wish to proceed, please contact City Hall to arrange payment and a time for pickup.

Regards,

Matt Tortorice  
Mayor, City of Margaret

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**From:** Eric Hutchins <hutchlaw07@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, March 1, 2026 3:46 PM

**To:** Matthew Tortorice <mayor@margaretal.gov>; Eric Hutchins <hutchlaw07@gmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: Margaret Concerned Citizens Open Records Request

Dear Mayor Tortorice:

This is Eric Hutchins. I am sending this email on behalf of my clients Margaret Concerned Citizens and Dr. Gloria Haynes . Please see the attached letter making a request for the records described therein. Attached to the letter/open records request is a signed Open Records Request Form. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely and In the Name of Jesus Christ,  
Eric Tavaris Hutchins, Esq.