

MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

June 28, 2019

Khadeja Farahmand
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Baltimore, MD 21202

By Electronic Mail: Khadeja.Farahmand@baltimorecity.gov
Re: Certain Agreements

Dear Ms. Farahmand:

On behalf of Energy Policy Advocates, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit public policy institute under § 501(c)(3) the Internal Revenue Code, pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act, G.P. §§ 4-101 - 4-601, please provide copies of the following records: any common interest agreement, contingency fee or other fee agreement, and/or any retainer, representation and/or engagement agreements, entered into by the City of Baltimore at any time in 2018 and/or 2019 with, or otherwise including as a party, Robert B. McKinstry, Jr.

We make this request confident that the Law Department maintains such agreements together in a discrete location and the search should not require appreciable time or other resources. We also understand that a public body may charge a fee for the cost of the search, examination, review, copying, separation of confidential from nonconfidential information, and mailing costs. If your Office expects to seek a charge associated with the searching, copying or production of these records, however, please provide an estimate of anticipated costs. Given EPA's non-profit and public interest nature and intention to broadly disseminate relevant findings, EPA requests a waiver or reduction of any applicable fees.

If you are not the custodian of the requested records, please direct us to the proper custodian. Md. Code. GP, § 4-202(c) requires an individual who is not the custodian of a record to provide, if known, the name of the custodian and the location or possible locations of the requested records. Given the Law Department's contract review duties in the City Charter, we are certain you can direct us to the proper custodian.

We look forward to your response and should you have any questions, feel free to reach me at MatthewDHardin@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Hardin
Executive Director
Energy Policy Advocates