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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

August 7, 2025

Via electronic mail

Mr. Ronald Baker
Resident Commissioner
Wayne County Housing Authority
303 North 1st Street



Re: FOIA Request for Review – 2025 PAC 87852

Dear Mr. Baker:

On May 28, 2025, you e-mailed the Wayne County Housing Authority (Authority) seeking access to certain records relating to a specific resident. On May 29, 2025, the Authority informed you that the resident needed to sign a written release before the Authority would release the records directly to you. You submitted a Request for Review on June 30, 2025.

On August 5, 2025, this office sent you copies of determination letters finding that the identities of individuals who live in public housing may be withheld under section 7(1)(c) of FOIA,¹ and when a FOIA request identifies a resident by name, a public body may withhold the records in full to protect the resident's identity.² On August 7, 2025, a Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Public Access Bureau reviewed with you the applicability of those principles to the records and at issue in this Request for Review and discussed alternative ways to obtain the information you seek.

¹5 ILCS 140/7(1)(c) (West 2024).

²Ill. Att'y Gen. Req. Rev. Ltr. 76189, issued May 17, 2023, at 2.

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Accordingly, this matter is resolved. Please contact me at (312) 814-3180 or Matthew.Rogina@ilag.gov if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Matthew Rogina

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