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The Honorable Ken Paxton
Attorney General of Texas
Open Records Division
MC-014
P.O. Box 12548
Austin, TX 78711/2548

Re: Open Records Request from Mr. Ryan Hobbs dated November 18, 2016

Dear Attorney General Paxton:

The City of Austin (City) received a Public Information Act request from Mr. Hobbs on November 18, 2016. Great Lakes Recycling dba Simple Recycling believes that the requested information may be excepted from disclosure under Texas Government Code Section 552.110.

Simple Recycling considers the information requested and of the records at issue to be proprietary and confidential in nature. Enclosed, you will find copies of the request and records at issue.

By copy of this letter, Simple Recycling is notifying the requestor that Simple Recycling wishes to withhold some of the requested information and has asked for a decision from the Texas Attorney General about whether there is an exception from the information's disclosure.

The information at issue, is protected by Section 552.110 : Trade Secrets and Commercial or Financial Information.

Trade Secrets:

In re Bass, 113 S. W. 3rd 735 (Tex. 2003).
Hyde Corp v Huffines, 314 S.W. 2d 763, 776 (Tex.) cert. denied, 358 U.S. 898 (1958)
Open Records Decision No. 552 (1990)

Simple Recycling and the City acknowledges that it has failed to meet the procedural requirements Government Code Section 552.301. Normally, a compelling interest exists when some other source of law makes the information at issue confidential or when third-party interests are at stake. In this instance, Simple Recycling's interests are in question and constitute a compelling interest.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (440) 519-9200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AW', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Winfield
Simple Recycling, President

Enclosure

Cc: (without enclosures)

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