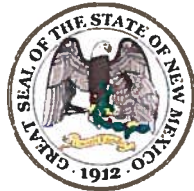


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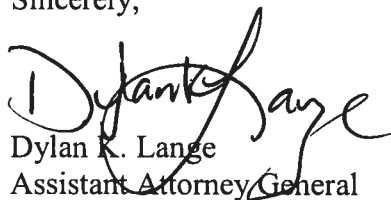
RE: Inspection of Public Records Act Complaint

Dear Independent Public Records Association of New Mexico:

This letter addresses the complaint that you filed with the Office of the Attorney General alleging that the Guadalupe County ("County") violated the Inspection of Public Records Act ("IPRA"), NMSA 1978, Sections 14-2-1 to -12 (1947, as amended through 2013) in connection with your IPRA Request.

As per your correspondence dated June 18, 2016, you state, "*On June 15, 2016, your completed response to the records request dated May 18, 2016 was received via email by [inspector@nmipra.org](mailto:inspector@nmipra.org). Please consider the request fulfilled. No further action, time, or response is necessary.*" As such, we consider this matter closed. Thank you for affording our office this opportunity to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Dylan K. Lange  
Assistant Attorney General





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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Please provide a copy of your original inspection request (if written), and any documentation or evidence you have regarding the alleged IPRA violation.

See attached Complaint for additional information regarding the alleged IPRA violation.

INDEPENDENT  
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June 3, 2016

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Re: IPRA Complaint - Guadalupe County

Dear Attorney General Balderas:

On May 18, 2016, Independent Public Records Association ("IPRA") delivered a request to Guadalupe County (the "County") to inspect a public record. IPRA delivered its request via e-mail to County Clerk Patrick Martinez and County Manager George Dodge, Jr.

IPRA did not receive any response to its request from the County. IPRA alleges the County is in violation of section 8(D) of the New Mexico Inspection of Public Records Act (the "Act") because the custodian did not explain in writing within three business days when the records would be available or when the public body would respond to the request.

On May 25, 2016, IPRA sent a courtesy notice to the County asking for its response to this public records request. To date, the County has not responded to IPRA's inspection of public records request.

IPRA's deems its request to be denied pursuant to section 11 of the Act.

E-mail addresses for the County were found at <http://www.sos.state.nm.us/2015-roster-web.pdf>. The County's website at <http://guadalupecounty-nm.com/> is maintained by the public body, but the website does not contain a notice as contemplated by section 7(E) of the Act.

Maintaining an open and accessible government is an essential function of a democracy; therefore, it is the wish of IPRA for the New Mexico Attorney General to bring the County back into substantial compliance with the Act.

Sincerely,

**Independent Public Records Association**