



Cavalier Johnson
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

September 28, 2022

Representative Janel Brandtjen
Rep.Brandtjen@legis.wisconsin.gov

Dear Representative Brandtjen:

Please accept this letter as a supplement to our September 28, 2022, response to your recent public records request for communications “between any person in the City of Milwaukee Mayor’s Office and any person associated with the initiative Milwaukee Votes 2022.”

When we were reviewing records that included the search term “Milwaukee Votes,” in response to the other public records request we referenced in our previous response letter, we identified a text message chain that relates to “Milwaukee Votes 2022.” Part of this chain was previously provided in the partial response. Having reviewed the entirety of the text chain now, we believe that the entirety of the text chain is responsive to your request, as opposed to just the part that was previously provided. As a result, a copy of the entirety of this text chain has been attached to this correspondence. Note that although you are receiving the entire text chain, some of the texts on this text chain were specific to two individuals, and were not received by other parties on the text chain. We also identified text messages that do not include the search term “Milwaukee Votes 2022,” but that we believe relate to this initiative, and that were sent or received by individuals that we know to be associated with the initiative. These texts, that were sent to staff in the Mayor’s Office, and to which staff did not respond, are also attached. Please accept these texts as a supplement to the records you were provided yesterday

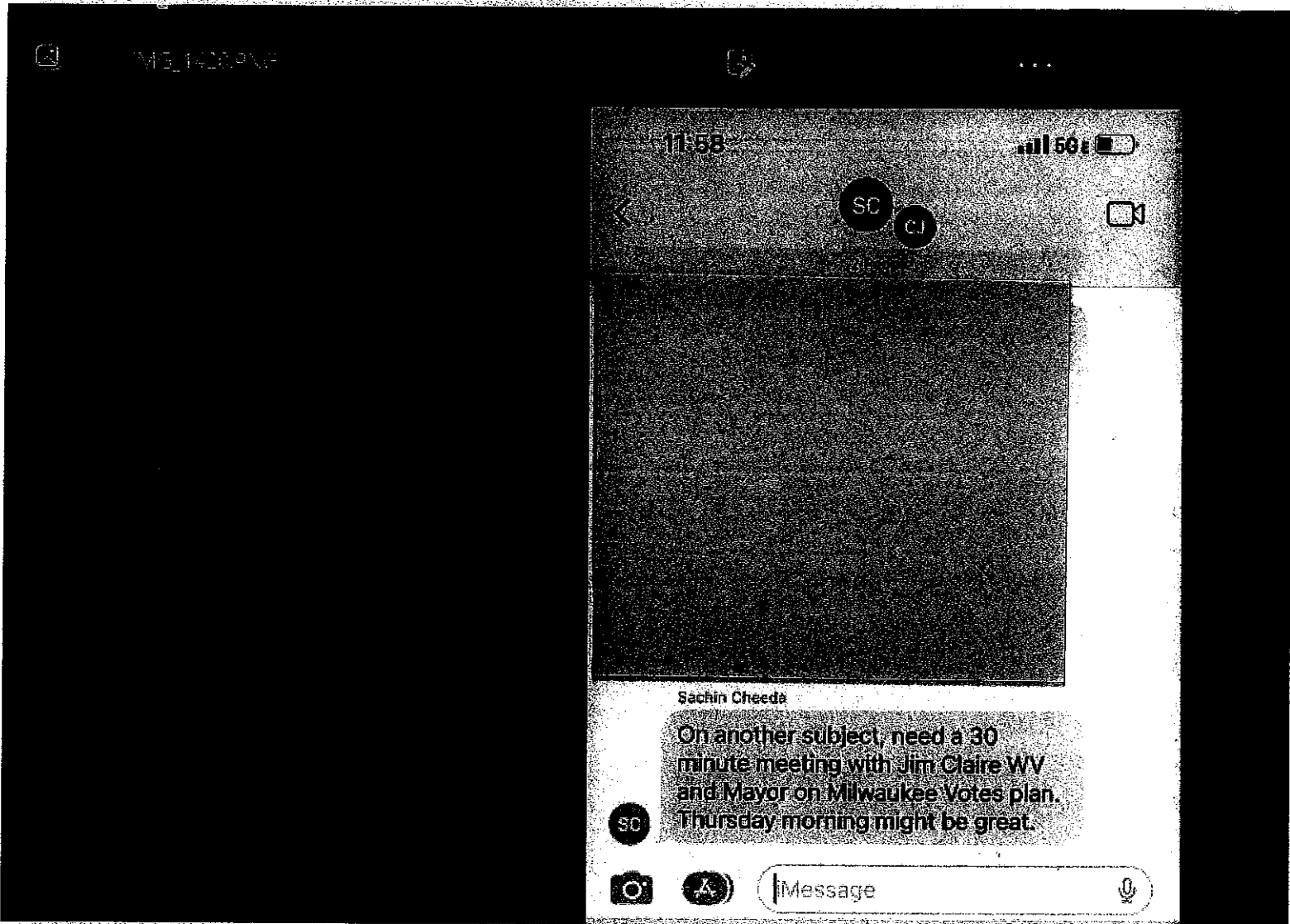
If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (414) 286-2200.

Sincerely,

A. Peterson

Alexis Peterson
Office of the Mayor

Text message from Sachin
Cheeda to Mayor Johnson
and Alexis Peterson 09/04/22



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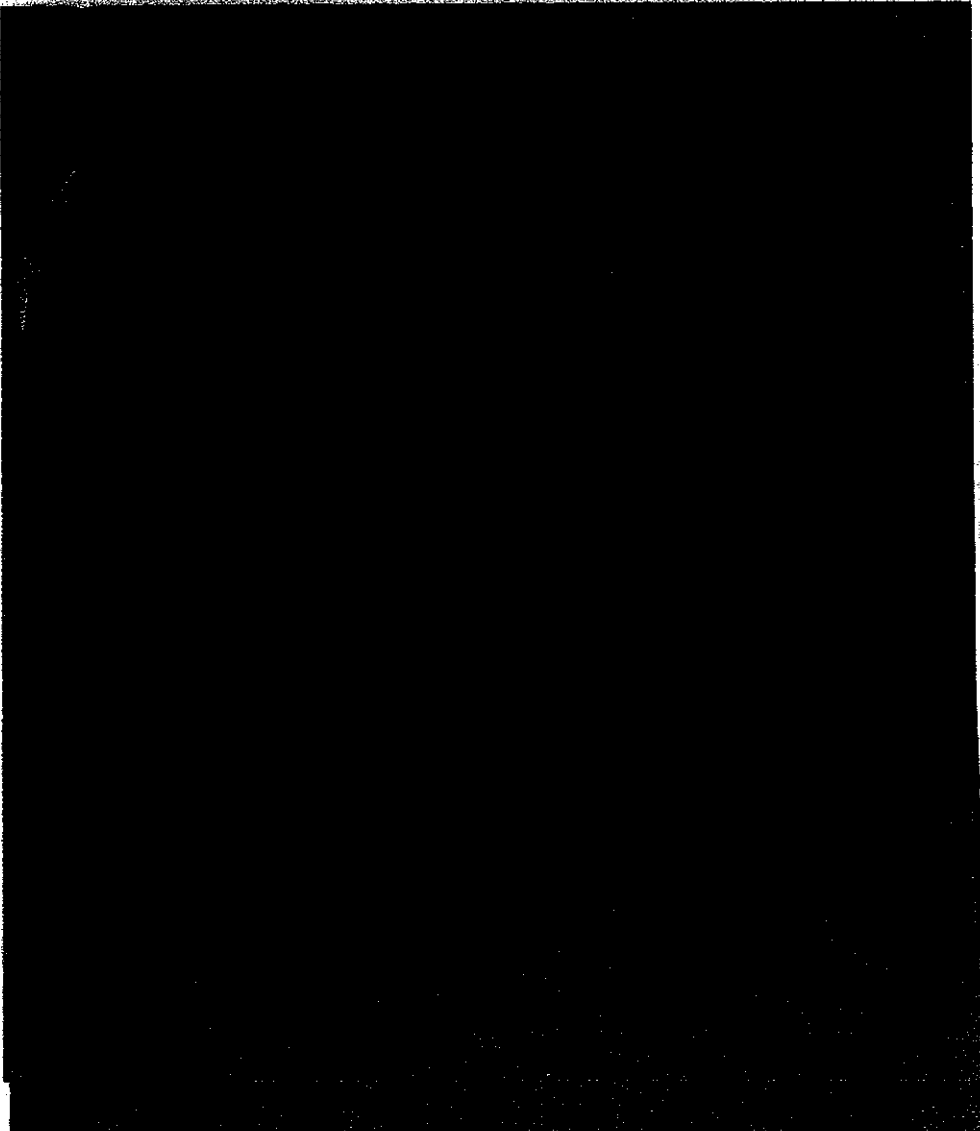


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Tue, Sep 13 at 2:58 PM

Can we please add a meeting at 4:30 pm this Friday with Jeff, Jim, you, Mayor regarding this voting stuff and messaging, and the open records requests?



Message from Sachin Chhabra to Alexis Peterson



iMessage



< Sachin Chheda

3:29 PM, Dec 1

(No subject)

Good morning! I'm hoping the four of us can connect early this afternoon about Monday's event and looking ahead. On this thread are Melissa Baldauff, Sachin, Jeff Fleming, Claire. Could we gather at City Hall at 1:30 to chat? I think 30 minutes would be enough. If that time doesn't work please suggest another.

Message between Sachin Chheda and Jeff Fleming



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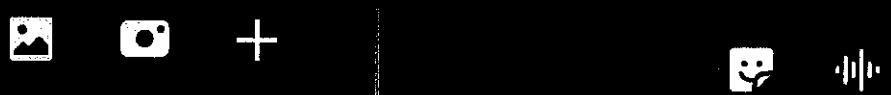
Fine by me. Where at CH?

S Claire's office?

Claire if that works for you we will come to your office?

Good for me.

S OK, just to confirm we are meeting at Claire's office, the election commission, at 1:30 PM today, 5th floor of city hall. I'm not sending a calendar invite, see



< Sachin Chheda

11:23 AM, Sep 9



(No subject)

OK, just to confirm we are meeting at Claire's office, the election commission, at 1:30 PM today, 5th floor of city hall. I'm not sending a calendar invite, see you there.

Agenda will include content of remarks for Monday, from various sources, as well as figuring out the plan on the advisory and pitching. We also want to make sure we're informing our stakeholders and partners. Claire can you please send me those materials we discussed, the list of groups that you're talking to, and anything from the Milwaukee votes rollout event from earlier this year.



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Getting multiple media requests on where the \$\$ \$ is coming from for canvassing and outreach. Do you have a suggested answer?

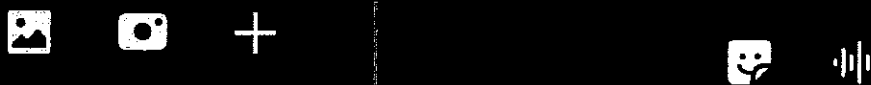
Ⓢ Private donors

And foundations.

Alison Dirr will press for more. Are there names I can give her?

Ⓢ You can direct her to Melissa.

12:25 PM



🅈 Melissa is the spokesperson for Milwaukee Votes 2022. They must have an answer?

11:57 PM

🅈 Actually hold on. Can we just sit tight for an hour and then get back to folks?

11:58 PM

🅈 There are nonprofit, nonpartisan groups who are canvassing door to door, entirely at private donor expense, to encourage

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< Sachin Chitoda
9:23 PM, Sep 12



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"There are nonprofit, nonpartisan groups who are canvassing door to door, funded entirely by civic-minded philanthropists, to encourage Milwaukeeans to vote. The city is neither funding nor receiving funds to canvass, and the mayor is voicing his support for the city's partnership with these nonprofit, nonpartisan groups who are mobilizing voters."



< Sachin Chheda

8:01 PM, Sep 12



(No subject)

Also:

"The mayor is excited about all the work happening to encourage voting with the city and in partnership with outside groups. That includes the widget being installed on the city website which was developed by nonprofit partners and is available to any citizen who wants to check their voter registration status or learn how to register, regardless of party. That includes the Early Voting sites funded by city taxpayers that allow all citizens to vote at more than a dozen locations across the city over the course of the 2-weeks early voting period. It includes the work discussed today to make it easier for disabled citizens to have their voice heard. And it includes the city's support of these nonprofit, nonpartisan groups who are canvassing door to door.



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"This program is supported by private philanthropy and civic-minded donors. Philanthropy routinely helps government programs meet core needs, including w



ith parks and libraries. This program is no different. As Americans, our right to vote is a privilege and a responsibility.



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This program helps us encourage

every eligible resident to register, vote, and make their voice heard."

(Could definitely add that these funds are not going into the City, but through

local non-profit organizations, and are not being used for election administration.)

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PHOTO: Sachin Chheda



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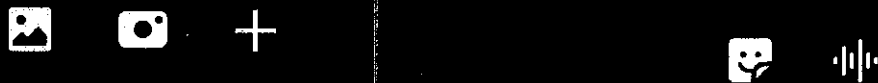
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Tuesday, September 10, 2020



Hi. I'm sorry about the confusion, honestly, and I'm just saying this to you, I wish you'd shared the remarks with me as I'd asked repeatedly, because I would have caught that wording and fixed it.

Our funders do not want us to refer folks to Melissa




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Our funders do not want us to refer folks to Melissa after all. Again, I'm sorry about the confusion. As a

 matter of course, I do not engage bad actors like Dan O'Donnell. He's not a journalist. He's a political activist.

If there are further enquiries, can

we please discuss before any response



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any response
is offered. I'd
appreciate it. Thank
you.

S Also, it's my current
understanding
that we have a
presser Monday
morning on voter
registration week. I
have come to learn
that there's also a
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S ser in the world.
Please keep me in
the loop. Is that the
same event, or a
different event and



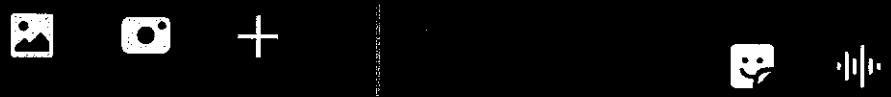
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same event, or a
different event, and
if so then when are
you planning that
for?

I'm not clear.
1) yesterday you
texted me that
Melissa was the
spokesperson.
Should I not send
inquiries to her?

2) are we
coordinating all vote
events with your
group? Based on
the media frenzy
yesterday, I don't
think that is a good





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think that is a good idea.

3) Monday is a library voting event. The following week, Tuesday, is the Fiserv announcement.

 1. That was wrong on my part.

 2. When I don't have information we can't coordinate, I'm not saying every event would be with us, but if you can let me know what's going



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saying every event would be with us, but if you can let me know what's going on, then I can

answer questions and plan. So yes I do want to know everything related to voting.

3. Great.

Open records requests have started.



Okay. Please share as you get them.

2:40



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S. Great. 12:51 PM

Open records requests have started.

S Okay. Please share as you get them.

S I'm talking to these guys about a better answer for us and a better answer for you.

Can we talk later?

This chain will be part of the records response.

