



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, NY 10007

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

Rebecca Baird-Remba  
Commercial Observer

Re: 2017-002-00766

Dear Rebecca Baird-Remba:

This letter is a response to your request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law received on August 25, 2017, for the following records:

“All records possessed by the Mayor's Office that meet the following conditions:

1. Records of any emails, phone calls, and texts between the Mayor's Office including the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement and the following organizations/individuals:
  - a. ShareBetter, the Hotel Association of New York City, the New York City Hotel and Motel Trades Council, Metropolitan Public Strategies, Neal Kwatra, Lemire LLC, Elan Parra, Vijay Dandapani.
2. Copies of any and all contracts the city has with either Metropolitan Public Strategies or Lemire LLC; copies of any and all documents and emails/phone calls/texts involving both private investigators and suspected illegal short-term rental activity.
3. Dated from January 1, 2014 to the present.”

On September 6, you tailored Part 1 of your request to be seeking emails, phone calls, and texts from the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement only, and to be seeking emails, phone calls, and texts with Elan Parra after he left the Office of Special Enforcement.

After conducting a search, the Mayor's Office has identified records responsive to your request under FOIL. The responsive records are attached. Please note that some responsive material has been redacted in part or withheld in entirety as exempt from disclosure pursuant to Public Officers Law §87(2)(b) and (g).

You may appeal this determination in writing within thirty days by addressing such an appeal to Henry Berger, Records Appeals Officer -- FOILappeal@cityhall.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Pan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jimmy" and last name "Pan" clearly distinguishable.

Jimmy Pan  
Associate Counsel