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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order; Economic Development Department, Tourism Division Records

Dear Mr. Moran:

This letter is the Attorney General's order on your petition for disclosure of records held by the Tourism Division under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. Your petition, received on October 27, 1988, asks the Attorney General to direct the Tourism Division of the Economic Development Department to disclose records of the names and addresses of the contact persons for events listed in the Oregon 1988 Events Calendar. For the reasons stated below, we grant your petition in part, and deny it in part.

The Tourism Division has the following public records relating to the 1988 Events Calendar. It sends out questionnaires to local chambers of commerce. The chambers list on these questionnaires the events occurring in that area. Often there is no contact person listed, because anyone in the chamber can answer questions about the event. The only address listed on some questionnaires is the chamber address. Some events have a contact person whose address is listed. This information has not been separately compiled, but is available on individual questionnaires that have been returned to the Tourism Division.

We conclude that the questionnaires are public records containing no information exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law. The Tourism Division, however, has no duty under the law to compile the contact names and addresses separately.

The Tourism Division has informed this office that it will allow you to examine the public records it has. See ORS 192.430. The Tourism Division has asked that you speak with Susan Bladholm, Special Events Coordinator, when you ask to review the records. If you wish to obtain photocopies of these records, the Tourism Division may charge you a reasonable fee to cover its actual costs. ORS 192.440.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Susan Bladholm, Special Events Coordinator, Tourism Division, Economic Development Department
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