

CITY OF SPOKANE
COMMERCIAL PURPOSE DECLARATION
Public Records Requests under RCW Ch. 42.56 for Lists of Individuals

Re: Dhruv Mehrotra Public Records Request dated: February 23, 2023

You or your organization or business has made a public records request for a list of individuals from the City of Spokane. The Washington State Public Records Act (PRA) at RCW 42.56.070(8) provides that:

This chapter shall not be construed as giving authority to any agency... to give, sell or provide access to lists of individuals requested for commercial purposes, and agencies... shall not do so unless specifically authorized or directed by law...

The PRA at RCW 42.56.070 authorizes agencies to require a requester to provide information as to the purpose of a request “to establish whether inspection and copying would violate RCW 42.56.070(8).”

The Washington State Court of Appeals ruled that in responding to a public records request that includes a list of individuals, an agency must investigate if that list might be used for commercial purposes, in order to comply with the obligations of RCW 42.56.070(8). *SEIU Healthcare 775NW v. State*, 193 Wn. App. 377, 377 P.3d 214 (2016). The Court also ruled that information to be provided by a requester to an agency includes the purpose of the request, the identity of the requester, the nature of the records requested, and other information necessary to determine if the list of individuals can be provided under RCW 42.56.070(8).

Instructions:

In order to ensure compliance with this obligation please complete the declaration on the reverse of this form and return it to the Public Records Officer. If we do not receive a completed declaration, we will be unable to process your request for the list and the request for the list will be administratively closed. If we have questions for you after you complete the declaration, we will contact you. Therefore, make sure you also provide contact information at the bottom of the declaration.

Return this completed declaration form to the Public Records Officer or other designated person at: sgroves@spokanecity.org

This declaration is a public record.

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

1. I have requested a list of individuals from the City of Spokane.
2. I am requesting the list of individuals on behalf of (specify which one applies):

My Own Personal Behalf (*skip to 3.*)
 Organization or Business (*complete a. – c. before proceeding to 3.*)

- a. If an organization or business, the name of the organization or business is:
WIRED Magazine
- b. If an organization or business, the purpose of the organization or business is:
News Media
- c. If an organization or business, the mailing address and website address are:
www.wired.com, 285 Fulton St, New York, NY 10007

3. The purpose in making this request for the list of individuals is:

To understand how this software is being used by the agency for the purpose of informing our readers about the kinds and number of employees, agencies, with access to the software. We do not intend to publish this list

4. I or the organization/business intend to generate revenue or financial benefit, directly or indirectly, from using the list of individuals: No
5. I or the organization/business intend to solicit money or financial support from any of the individuals on the list: No
6. I or the organization/business intend to make individuals on the list aware of business commercial entities, business/financial enterprises or business/financial opportunities: No
7. I or the organization/business intend to supply or sell the list of individuals to any organization or business, third party individual (someone other than myself or the organization or business listed in paragraph 2), or any other entity: No
If yes, to whom:
8. I or my organization/business attest that another law authorizes or directs the agency to provide me or my organization/business the list of individuals requested: No
If yes, provide specific citation:

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. I certify under penalty of perjury that I have read the first page of this declaration form and I understand that a list of individuals cannot be provided to me or to my organization or business by a public agency if the list will be used for a commercial purpose. I certify under penalty of perjury that any list of individuals I or my organization or business receive pursuant to my request dated February 23, 2023, to the City of Spokane will not be used for any commercial purpose in violation of RCW 42.56.070(8).

DATED this 19 of September in 2023.

Dhruv Mehrotra

Signature of Declarant

Print Name



Declarant's Title (if any):

Declarant's contact information (phone number, email, or both):