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Nicholas Marritz filed this request with the U.S. Mint of the United States of America.

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From: Nicholas Marritz 09/27/2022

Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request: Layla the Mighty Minter Portal

Dear U.S. Mint:

This is a request for records under the Freedom of Information Act. I am requesting records related to the U.S. Mint's mascot, Layla the Mighty Minter.

RECORDS REQUESTED:

(A) All records related to the conception of and process of designing the Layla mascot (emails and other correspondence, memoranda, contracts, sketches, etc.)

(B) Records sufficient to answer the following questions:

- (1) Whose idea was it to create an U.S. Mint mascot in the first place, and why?
- (2) Who designed the Layla mascot, and what was the design process like? (e.g. were there multiple design concepts submitted? Was the design of the character contracted out? (If so, kindly produce the contract).
- (3) Were any Layla-related promotional items or tchotchkes created (e.g. trading cards, CDs, coloring books)? If so, please produce them.
- (4) Were there any life-size Layla costumes created? If so, please produce records related to the design of the costume (contracts, sketches, etc.) and any guidelines regarding the use of or care for the costume.
- (5) Did anyone in Congress ever object to the U.S. Mint's use of a mascot? I understand that there have been periodic attempts by lawmakers (e.g. former Oklahoma senator Tom Coburn, current Iowa senator Jodi Ernst) to rein in agency spending on mascots. If so, please produce all records related to that.
- (6) What has the public's reaction been to the Layla mascot?
- (7) Is the Mint still interested in commissioning additional mascots?

(7) IS the MINT still using Layla as part of its public outreach? if not, why not?

REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER:

The requested documents will be made available to the general public online for free, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. I am working on a project examining the history, creation, evolution, and use of mascots across the federal government—because, like many others, I find them fascinating and weirdly delightful. Thus, I respectfully request that any fees related to this request be waived. If you do decide to charge me fees, please notify me in advance if you expect those fees to exceed \$25.

FORM OF PRODUCTION:

I would prefer that this request be filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

CONCLUSION:

Thank you very much for your cooperation with this request. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Nicholas Marritz

From: U.S. Mint

10/03/2022



Subject: Request Acknowledgement by Department of Treasury

Email

Dear Nicholas Marritz,

Case Number 2022-MINT-00094 has been assigned to the request you submitted. In all future correspondence regarding this request please reference case number 2022-MINT-00094.

Regards,

Department of Treasury

From: U.S. Mint

10/03/2022



Subject: Status Update for Request #2022-MINT-00094

Email

Dear Nicholas Marritz,

The status of your MINT FOIA request #2022-MINT-00094 has been updated to the following status 'Received'. To log into the Treasury FOIA Public Access Link click on the Application URL below.

<https://foia.treasury.gov/>

Sincerely,
Department of Treasury

From: Muckrock Staff

11/02/2022

From: U.S. Mint

11/02/2022

Subject: FOIA Auto-Reply

Email

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The U.S. Department of the Treasury has received the information you submitted to the FOIA@TREASURY.gov mailbox.

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Please visit our FOIA Library at

http://www.treasury.gov/FOIA/Pages/reading_room.aspx.

Thank you for contacting the U.S. Department of the Treasury.



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From: U.S. Mint

11/02/2022

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: Layla the Mighty Minter - 2022-MIN... Email

Good afternoon,

Your request was submitted and is in the custody of the U.S. Mint. I will forward you email to them for direct response.

~WRD0003

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From: Muckrock Staff

12/02/2022

From: U.S. Mint

01/02/2023

Subject: FOIA Auto-Reply

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From: U.S. Mint

01/04/2023

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: Layla the Mighty Minter

Email

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well. Your email has been sent to the U.S. Mint for appropriate action.

Thank you,

Cawana

~WRD0004

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From: Muckrock Staff

02/03/2023

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From: U.S. Mint

02/03/2023



Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: Layla the Mighty Minter

Email

Good morning,

I hope this email finds. As previously indicted, your request was routed to the U.S. Mint. We kindly ask that you reach out to Mint directly at:

U.S. Mint
801 9th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20220

FOIA Requester Service Center: 202-354-7600

Thank you!

Cawana

~WRD0003

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Alpha Assistance Staff

Feb. 5, 2023

Notes are visible to you and other editors of this request.

Submitted help request:

Agency forwarded request to other contact.

From: Nicholas Marritz 07/06/2023

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: Layla the Mighty Minter Mail

Dear U.S. Mint:

I submitted a FOIA request in October 2022, seeking records related to the Mint's mascot, Layla the Mighty Minter. The request was assigned the tracking number 2022-MINT-00094, but I have had no response from the Mint since. Could you please give me a status update?

Thank you very much,

Nicholas Marritz

From: Nicholas Marritz 10/31/2023

Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: Layla the Mighty Minter Mail

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Sincerely,

Nicholas Marritz

Nicholas Marritz

Oct. 31, 2023

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Submitted help request:

I inadvertently sent this communication to the agency with a typo. Could you please delete it rather than mailing it to them? Thank you.

<https://www.muckrock.com/foi/united-states-of-america-10/layla-the-mighty-minter-134412/#comm-1603987>

<https://muckrock.zendesk.com/agent/tickets/121583>

From: Nicholas Marritz

01/26/2024



Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: Layla the Mighty Minter

Email

Att: Mark Bittner, Director
FOIA/PA Request
FOIA & Transparency
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Mr. Bittner:

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Sincerely,

Nicholas Marritz

Nicholas Marritz

Jan. 26, 2024

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Contact information overridden:

email

Lateau.Jones@usmint.treas.gov

From: Nicholas Marritz

06/27/2024



Subject: RE: Freedom of Information Act Request: Layla the Mighty Minter

Email

Dear OGIS:

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Nicholas Marritz

June 27, 2024

Notes are visible to you and other editors of this request.

Contact information overridden:

email

ogis@nara.gov

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06/27/2024

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June 27, 2024

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From:

06/27/2024

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As the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) ombudsman, OGIS assists FOIA requesters and federal agencies by helping them resolve their FOIA disputes, and by addressing their questions and concerns about the FOIA process. Please note, we are experiencing an increase in our inquiries received and are working to respond as soon as possible. We apologize for any delays in our response and assure you that all emails are tracked. We look forward to assisting you.

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- A copy of your FOIA request
- The agency's response to your request

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The OGIS Staff

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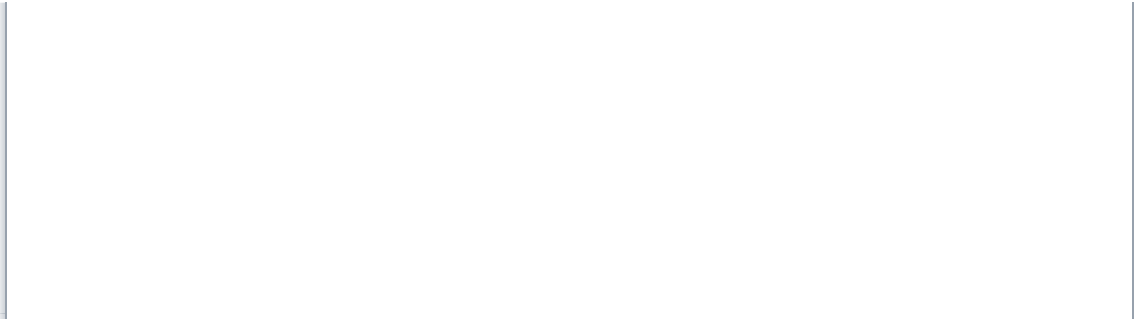
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