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The County of Chester - #RTK-495-2025 - Meg Denning

3 messages

Lauren Coleman (Chester County, PA) <ChesterCountyPA@request.justfoia.com> Fri, Oct 24, 2025 at 1:22 PM
Reply-To: 815f5923-a6cb-4157-8a6e-5b4a2100890d.ChesterCountyPA@request.justfoia.com
To: research@truethevote.org

RE: Right-to-Know Request Number [Request Number: RTK-495-2025](#)

Submitted on: 10/13/2025

Description of records requested: To whom it may concern, Pursuant to applicable state public records laws, including any freedom of information or open records statutes in your jurisdiction, True the Vote respectfully submits this request for access to and copies of records as described below. This request seeks all records, communications, directives, or guidance created or received by your office since March 25, 2025, related to Executive Order 14248, titled "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections", including but not limited to: 1. Actions taken or planned to comply with, respond to, or evaluate the order; 2. Communications with federal agencies (including the Election Assistance Commission or Department of Justice) concerning implementation or challenges to the order; 3. Any internal analyses, meeting notes, or correspondence with county officials, election vendors, or other stakeholders related to voter roll verification, mail-ballot receipt deadlines, or documentary proof-of-citizenship requirements. Additionally, please include any records, guidance, or communications your office has sent to counties or local election authorities in connection with Executive Order 14248. True the Vote recognizes that portions of Executive Order 14248 are currently subject to judicial review and preliminary injunctions. This request is not intended to seek privileged legal materials but to understand what steps, if any, your office is taking to assess compliance, improve election integrity procedures, or prepare for potential implementation. We request that you provide all responsive records in electronic format, preferably as searchable PDF files transmitted by email to research@truethevote.org. We also respectfully request acknowledgment of this request within five (5) business days and full production of responsive records within the statutory period provided by your state's public records law. If you determine that portions of this request are exempt, please provide any segregable portions of responsive records and identify the specific legal basis for any withholdings. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Dear Meg Denning,

On 10/13/2025, Chester County Open Records received your above-mentioned request pursuant to the *Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law*, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101, *et seq.* ("RTKL").

In order to provide you some of the records that you have requested, you must provide documentation that proves that you are a qualified elector of Chester County pursuant to Section 2648 of the Pennsylvania Election Code. See 25 P.S. § 2648. Please provide a copy of your Pennsylvania photo identification and voter registration card as soon as possible but no later than end of business **Wednesday 10/29/2025**. If you are not a registered elector of the County, you must prove that you are a qualified elector as prescribed by the Constitution of this Commonwealth. The Constitution provides the following:

§ 1. Qualifications of electors.

Every citizen 21 years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections subject, however, to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the General Assembly may enact.

1. He or she shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month.

2. He or she shall have resided in the State 90 days immediately preceding the election.

3. He or she shall have resided in the election district where he or she shall offer to vote at least 60 days immediately preceding the election, except that if qualified to vote in an election district prior to removal of residence, he or she may, if a resident of Pennsylvania, vote in the election district from which he or she removed his or her residence within 60 days preceding the election.
(Nov. 5, 1901, P.L.881, J.R.1; Nov. 7, 1933, P.L.1559, J.R.5; Nov. 3, 1959, P.L.2160, J.R.3; May 16, 1967, P.L.1048, J.R.5)

Age of Electors. The age at which a citizen is entitled to vote was changed from 21 to 18 years of age. See Amendment XXVI to the Constitution of the United States and section 701 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333, No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code.

Sincerely,

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Lauren Coleman (Chester County, PA) <ChesterCountyPA@request.justfoia.com> Fri, Oct 24, 2025 at 1:31 PM
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Ms. Denning,

In addition to my previous email below sent moments ago, could you also please provide names and/or positions of County employees whose communications you are requesting? This information is necessary in order for us to conduct a search for records. Please let me know as soon as possible but no later than end of business **Wednesday 10/29/2025**.

Thank you,

Lauren Coleman
Open Records Officer

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TTV Research <research@truethevote.org> Wed, Oct 29, 2025 at 4:36 PM
To: 815f5923-a6cb-4157-8a6e-5b4a2100890d.ChesterCountyPA@request.justfoia.com

Thank you for your response. I would like to clarify that 25 P.S. § 2648 pertains to the powers and duties of county boards of elections—it does not establish qualifications or identification requirements for individuals requesting access

to election records.

The Right-to-Know Law (65 P.S. § 67.101 et seq.) governs public access to government records in Pennsylvania. Under that statute, any person—regardless of residency or voter status—may submit a request for public records. The law does not require a requester to provide proof of being a “qualified elector” or to furnish a photo ID or voter registration card.

The constitutional section you referenced (Article VII, § 1) describes qualifications for voting in elections. While accurate in its own context, it does not apply to record requests.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that my original records request be processed in accordance with the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law, without additional prerequisites not required by statute.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,

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Follow Up for Request for Records Related to Executive Order 14248

1 message

TTV Research <research@truethevote.org>
To: ChesterCountyPA@request.justfoia.com

Thu, Nov 6, 2025 at 3:29 PM

Good afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to follow up on my previous correspondence dated **October 29**, which I sent by the close of business that day in response to your October 24th email regarding my request. I understand that may have been after your stated deadline of Wednesday EOD, and I apologize if the timing contributed to any confusion.

As I did not receive a reply, I am resubmitting my request here to ensure it is properly logged and processed. The Chester County Open Records portal appears to be experiencing technical issues, so I am submitting this request via the standard **Right-to-Know form** since the portal is experiencing technical difficulties (please see attached).

Please confirm receipt at your earliest convenience. Should you require any clarification or revised phrasing to facilitate processing, I'm happy to provide it promptly.

Thank you for your attention and continued assistance.

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Pennsylvania Office of Open Records

Standard Right-to-Know Law Request Form

*Please read carefully. Complete this form and retain a copy of **both** pages; this copy may be required if an appeal is filed. You have 15 business days to appeal after a request is denied or deemed denied. More information about the RTKL is available at <https://www.openrecords.pa.gov>. In most cases, a completed RTKL request form is a public record.*

SUBMITTED TO AGENCY NAME: _____ (Attn: AORO)

Date Request Submitted: _____ Submitted via: ☐ Email ☐ U.S. Mail ☐ Fax ☐ In Person

PERSON MAKING REQUEST:

Full Name: _____

Company (if applicable): _____

Please send response via: ☐ Email ☐ U.S. Mail

If you wish to obtain records that only exist in hard copy, or must be provided on an electronic storage device, you may be required to provide a mailing address to the agency. See Section 703.

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____

How do you prefer to be contacted if the agency has questions? ☐ Telephone ☐ Email ☐ U.S. Mail

☐ **By checking this box, I affirm that my full name and contact information is true and correct, and that I am a legal resident of the United States. I understand that failure to check this box may result in the denial of my request and the dismissal of any appeal filed with the Office of Open Records.**

RECORDS REQUESTED: *Provide as much detail as possible, including subject matter, time frame, and type of record sought. RTKL requests must seek records, not ask questions. Use additional pages if necessary.*

Form continues on page 2. Retain a copy of **both** pages.

RECORDS REQUESTED (continued):

DO YOU WANT COPIES? ☐ Yes, printed ☐ Yes, electronic ☐ No, in-person inspection

Records shall be provided in the medium requested if they exist in that medium; otherwise, they shall be provided in the medium in which they exist. See Section 701. Your request may require payment or prepayment of fees. View the [Official RTKL Fee Schedule](#) for more details.

I understand that my request may incur fees. Notify me before further processing if fees will be more than ☐ **\$100 (or)** ☐ **\$_____.**

Do you want [certified copies](#)? ☐ Yes (*may be subject to additional costs*) ☐ No

ITEMS BELOW THIS LINE FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

Tracking: _____ Date Received: _____ Response Due (5 bus. days): _____

30-Day Ext.? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If Yes, Final Due Date: _____) Actual Response Date: _____

Request was: ☐ Granted ☐ Partially Granted & Denied ☐ Denied Cost to Requester:
\$ _____

☐ Appropriate third parties notified and given an opportunity to object to the release of requested records.

Retain a copy of both pages of this Form.



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Follow Up for Request for Records Related to Executive Order 14248

1 message

Do Not Reply <donotreply@request.justfoia.com>

Thu, Nov 6, 2025 at 3:31 PM

To: TTV Research <research@truethevote.org>

Hello,

Your email was not delivered because it was sent to a non-monitored address. Please note that this email address does not accept incoming messages.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Dear Meg Denning,

On 10/13/2025, Chester County Open Records received your above-mentioned request pursuant to the *Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law*, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101, *et seq.* ("RTKL"). On 10/20/2025, the County invoked Section 902(a) of the RTKL for an additional thirty (30) days to respond because the extent and nature of your request precluded a response within five (5) business days.

On 10/24/2025, I sent email correspondence to you asking if you could provide names and/or positions of County employees whose communications you are requesting as this information is necessary in order for us to conduct a search for records. To date, I have not received this specification from you. Therefore, as it relates to the portion of your request which seeks communications, your request is denied as insufficiently specific pursuant to Section 703 of the RTKL. See 65 P.S. § 67.703.

Also on that day, I sent email correspondence to you notifying you that in order to provide you the records that you have requested, you must provide documentation that proves that you are a qualified elector of Chester County as the records you have requested are records of the Chester County Board of Elections. To date, we have not received proof that you are a qualified elector of the County. Therefore, as it relates to the remainder of your request, your request is denied pursuant to the Pennsylvania Election Code. See 25 P.S. § 2648.

You may file an appeal in accordance with Section 1101 of the RTKL, 65 P.S. § 67.1101. If you wish to appeal, you must do so within 15 business days of this response by filing an appeal with the Pennsylvania Office of Open

Records, 333 Market St., 16th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101-2234. The County reserves the right to amend this response as permitted by *Levy v. Senate of Pennsylvania*, 65 A.3d 361, 363–64 (Pa. 2013). Please be advised that this correspondence will serve to close this record with our office as permitted by law.

For questions or additional information, please reply to this email.

Sincerely,

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Wed, Nov 19, 2025 at 2:06 PM

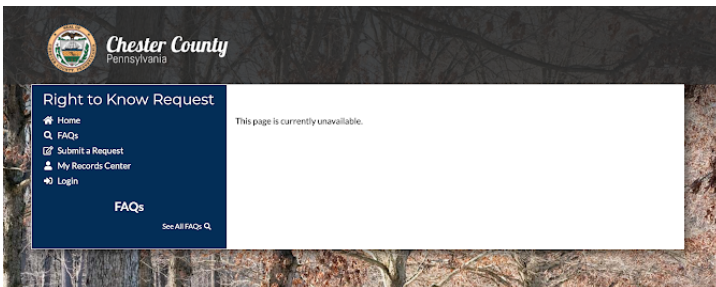
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Hi Lauren,

I hope you're able to receive this message, as it appears my previous emails have not reached you. For your reference, I've attached two emails dated October 29, 2025 and November 6, 2025.

At the moment, there does not appear to be a reliable way to contact you or the Open Records Office outside of this email -- and even then, it is clear you have not received any of my correspondence. The County's RTK portal continues to indicate that a request cannot be submitted, and when I attempted to call the number listed in your correspondence today (at 3:34 p.m. ET), the call rang more than a dozen times without reaching a voicemail. I want to ensure there is a functional line of communication, as RTK timelines depend on confirmed, documented receipt.

Additionally, I wish to note that Section 504(b)(1) of the RTKL requires agencies to post the contact information for their designated Open Records Officer, and the statute further contemplates that the designated officer will receive and respond to written requests addressed to them. The fact that the contact phone number does not allow voicemail, and that the online portal still indicates that a request cannot be submitted, raises concerns about whether a functional communication channel is in place as required by the law.



Pertaining to your response regarding RTK-495-2025: I would like to clarify several points and request that the County reconsider its denial for the reasons below.

1. Concerning the claim of insufficient specificity (65 P.S. § 67.703)

Your letter states that my request is insufficiently specific because I did not identify names or positions of County employees. However, the original request already included:

- a defined subject matter (Executive Order 14248 and steps to assess or implement it)
- a clear timeframe (March 25, 2025 to present)
- a reasonable scope (records created or received by your office and any elections-related county functions)

This meets the three-part specificity standard used by Pennsylvania courts and the Office of Open Records. The RTKL does not require a requester to identify individual employees by name; agencies routinely search by subject matter, keywords, and departmental custodians (*"A written request for access to records ... should identify or describe the records sought with sufficient specificity to enable the agency to ascertain which records are being requested."*)

That said, to eliminate any potential confusion, please treat this email as confirmation that the request covers communications or records held by:

- The Chester County Board of Elections / Voter Services
- The Chester County Solicitor's Office
- The Office of the County Commissioners / County Administration
- Any officials or staff within these offices who communicated with the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice, or other federal agencies regarding EO 14248

I trust this clarification is sufficient for a reasonable search under Section 703.

2. Concerning the invocation of 25 P.S. § 2648 ("qualified elector" requirement)

Your response indicates that the remainder of my request is denied because I am not a qualified elector of Chester County, and therefore cannot access any records you classify as "records of the County Board of Elections."

I want to respectfully note that the request seeks far more than traditional election-return materials. It includes:

- communications with federal agencies (EAC, DOJ)
- internal analyses
- directives or guidance
- correspondence with county officials or election vendors
- legal or administrative assessments across multiple departments

Many of these types of records are created, stored, or held by the Solicitor's Office, County Administration, or other non-Bureau-of-Elections custodians. To the extent responsive records **do not fall exclusively under the Election Code**, they should be processed under the RTKL regardless of my voter status.

Therefore, I respectfully request the County to:

1. Identify which specific portions of my request you believe are *exclusively* governed by § 2648, and
2. Process all segregable, non-Election-Code-restricted records under the RTKL.

The RTKL requires an agency to provide all non-exempt portions of records, and a blanket denial is not consistent with those requirements.

3. Request for Reconsideration

Given the clarifications above, I request that the County:

- Reevaluate the Section 703 denial in light of the clarified scope, and
- Process all responsive records that fall outside the narrow confines of § 2648.

If additional clarification would assist your search, I am happy to provide it.

Thank you for your time and for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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