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Dear Records Committee,

In recent years many Cedar Hills residents have petitioned cedar hills city over and over again asking that they provide GRAMA requested golf related documents, and in the most recent they claim the records are irretrievable.

As a talk show host of more than 25 years and as a Citizen Reporter I have personally GRAMA requested golf related records and when stonewalled was compelled to involve the services of Government Records Ombudsman Rosemary Cundiff. Even with her assistance we don't believe we obtained an honest, complete fulfilling of my GRAMA request.

We provided them an opportunity to be open, honest and transparent and they've refused to fulfill their legal obligations to Cedar Hills residents as well as to me as a an investigative reporter as audio recording of the mediation confirmed. I was actually verbally attacked by the Mayor and City Attorney for my efforts to report on questionable actions in Cedar Hills government.

We do not believe the government should be allowed a platform to abuse the citizens they are supposed to serve.

Integrity of lawful GRAMA requests, first amendment rights, and respect for all citizens is a prerequisite to restoring trust between the people and those who serve them. We declare that silence on this critical matter has become a de facto endorsement of records request violations under the guise of incompetence or outright dishonesty.

We now take this appeal to you in hopes that you can help restore true accountability in Cedar Hills. Please ORDER Cedar Hills to provide all responsive records and sign documentation declaring they know their obligations under the law have been fulfilled.

Thank you for your selfless service on the Records Committee to the press, the people of Cedar Hills, and all Utahans in maintaining accountability and transparency at all levels of government.

Gratefully,

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