



Medford City Council  
Medford, Massachusetts

**MEETING DATE**

June 23, 2026

**SPONSORED BY**

George Scarpelli, City Councilor

**AGENDA ITEM**

**26-118** - Resolution to Appeal Deficient Public Records Response of City Administration Regarding Legal Matters

**FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION**

Whereas, on April 29, 2026 the City Council, through its President, Isaac B. Bears filed a public records request to the Law Department, Janice Spencer, seeking various public records. This request is set forth in Council Paper 26-077; and

Whereas, the Council's April 29, 2026 request for public records was substantially based on the failure of the administration to respond to a request for records and information sent to it by the Council in February 2026 in Council Paper 26-043; and

Whereas, on May 13, 2026, Janice Spencer filed a request with the Public Records Division seeking an additional thirty (30) days to respond to the Council's request. The request for an extension of thirty days to respond was granted by the Supervisor of Public Records on May 19, 2026; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, Nina Nazarian, on behalf of the administration sent a series of five emails to the City Council to which she attached a small handful of settlement agreements including one that included a "confidentiality" provision in spite of the fact that the Mayor had previously stated to the Council that "...the city does not have any non-disclosure agreements"; and

Whereas, the extended period for the City to respond had expired; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that, in light of the sparse and inadequate response of the administration along with the questionable veracity of its prior statements, we authorize, by roll call vote, an appeal of the administrations response to the Secretary of State's Office, Public Records Division.

**RECOMMENDATION**

## FISCAL IMPACT

## ATTACHMENTS

None