C281387-090326 - Construction & Inspections

Message History (12)

On 10/10/2026 3:37:02 AM, Leo Katz wrote:

No. I do not accept another unexplained extension.

This request was opened September 3 after SDCI had already said there were no responsive records and records produced by Seattle IT showed that responsive records did in fact exist.

SDCI first said records or a first installment would be provided by September 25. That date was moved to October 2. October 2 was then moved to October 9. Now, on October 9, SDCI has moved the date again to October 16, stating only that it needs more time to continue gathering and reviewing records.

I already put SDCI on notice on October 6 that all responsive SDCI records at the center of this request remained outstanding.

I also asked on September 15 what had actually been searched, what had been located, and what was preventing production. I was told Moon Callison was out until September 21 and Mike Miller was also out of the office. I was told Moon would be contacted when she returned. No answer was ever provided telling me what came from that follow-up or what records were located.

At this point, another one-line extension saying SDCI is still gathering and reviewing records is not an adequate explanation for repeatedly moving the production date.

If records are ready, produce them.

If SDCI is not going to produce records by the dates it keeps giving me, then I need an actual explanation of what remains outstanding, what work is still being done, and why another extension is necessary.

I am not agreeing to an open-ended series of weekly extensions with no production and no meaningful explanation.

Please produce the responsive records or provide a specific factual basis for the October 16 date.

On 10/9/2026 5:21:00 PM, City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

Subject: Construction & Inspections :: C281387-090326
Body:

Dear Leo Katz,

This communication is in response to your public disclosure request C281387-090326 received by the Department of Construction and Inspections on September 03, 2026.

The purpose of this email is to provide a status update regarding your request. The Department of Construction and Inspections needs additional time to respond to your request in order to continue gathering and reviewing records. At this time, the Department of Construction and Inspections anticipates that it will be able to provide the requested records or a first installment of records on or about **October 16, 2026.**

Sincerely,

Nichole Forsell
SDCI Public Disclosure Assistant

On 10/6/2026 4:00:39 PM, Leo Katz wrote:

for the record
Original records request began July 9, 2026.
SDCI initially reported no responsive records.
Records later produced through Seattle IT showed responsive correspondence existed involving the LastInspDate issue and Moon Callison.
Follow-up request C281387-090326 was opened September 3, 2026.
SDCI stated that records or a first installment would be provided by September 25, 2026. Construction & Inspections PRR …
On September 15, SDCI stated that Moon Callison was out until September 21 and Mike Miller was also out of the office, and that Moon would be contacted when she returned. Construction & Inspections PRR …
No follow-up was provided stating what came from those contacts or what records were located.
On September 25, SDCI moved the anticipated production date to October 2, 2026. Construction & Inspections PRR …
No responsive production addressing the central outstanding records was received by October 2.
The current response date is now October 9, 2026.
During this period, the person identified as the dataset owner changed from Moon Callison to another City employee.
The public records officer handling the request also changed.
The records being requested are existing City records, not answers that depend on an employee being available, remaining in the same position, or recalling events from memory.
As of today, 10/6/26 ALL responsive SDCI records at the center of this request remain outstanding.

On 10/2/2026 3:52:01 PM, City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

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On 9/25/2026 1:48:06 PM, City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

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Sincerely,

Josy Rush
Public Disclosure Officer
Construction & Inspections

On 9/15/2026 7:05:21 PM, Leo Katz wrote:

Thank you for the update. However, advising me that Moon Callison and Mike Miller will not return until September 21 does not answer my records request or explain why the search cannot proceed.

These are City records maintained in City controlled systems. Please continue searching the relevant email accounts, Teams messages, shared drives, technical tickets, project files, and other record locations while these employees are unavailable. Their return may be necessary for follow-up questions, but it should not prevent your office from identifying and producing records that have already been located or are accessible through Seattle IT.

Please confirm:

1. Whether the City has searched Moon Callison's records.
2. Whether the City has searched Mike Miller's records.
3. Whether the "program manager" referenced in the produced emails has been identified and searched.
4. Which systems and date ranges have been searched.
5. What responsive records have already been located.
6. What records will be produced before September 21.
7. What specific search activity, if any, genuinely cannot occur until those employees return.

Please do not place the entire request on hold. Produce the records currently available and supplement the production after September 21 if additional records are identified.

I have already waited through an extension and received an installment that did not answer the central portions of my request. nothing from sdci todate yet the majority of my request is identified in this departments records. I need a concrete accounting of the search and production, not another general delay notice.

On 9/15/2026 8:23:02 AM, City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

Subject: Construction & Inspections :: C281387-090326
Body:
Ms. Callison is out of the office until 9/21. I have already followed up with Mr. Miller, who is also out of the office. I will make sure to contact Ms. Callison as soon as she returns.

On 9/15/2026 7:01:48 AM, Leo Katz wrote:

Having sent this email on September 12th and not receiving a response I am also including this reasonable request here.

I am writing to follow up on my public records request (C281387-090326).

We now have confirmation that Moon Callison was included in the March 2025 inquiry regarding this exact issue, but did not acknowledge it. However, when another department raised the same issue months later, the request was acknowledged and addressed. This confirms that responsive records do exist within your department, contrary to your initial "no records" response.

Given the significant delays already experienced and the specific, itemized list of records I have provided, I request that you expedite this request and produce the responsive documents as soon as possible, rather than waiting until the proposed September 25, 2026 date.

Please let me know immediately if you maintain your current stance so I can determine whether to escalate this matter to the Washington Coalition for Open Government or seek legal recourse under the Public Records Act.

REGARDS

On 9/12/2026 1:39:07 PM, Leo Katz wrote:

TO: "City of Seattle Public Records Request Center"[seattle@mycusthelp.net]
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On Fri, Sep 11, 2026 at 7:18 AM City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

On 9/11/2026 7:18:04 AM, City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

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Body:

Dear Leo Katz,

On September 03, 2026, the Department of Construction and Inspections of the City of Seattle received your public records request C281387-090326.

Your request:

Ms. Rush,

Please reopen and account for outstanding records | C273960-070926

I am writing to follow up on my existing public records request. Seattle IT has recently provided correspondence involving Moon Callison, the dataset owner, discussing the field problem and its subsequent correction. This production identifies relevant correspondence that was not included in the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) response, which originally stated

that no responsive records were found.

Given this discrepancy, please reopen my request and clarify whether Moon Callison's records were searched, as well as how this correspondence was missed or excluded.

Additionally, please review the following list and specify what SDCI will provide and when, what has already been provided, and what will not be provided (along with the justification):

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- SDCI-held historical field definitions, schemas, mappings, publishing documentation, change requests, approvals, and correction records covered by my original request.

For context, I contacted the published Open Data address in March 2025. In September, Open Data indicated that my inquiries had been referred to the dataset owner, and Mike Miller promised a follow-up regarding an investigation. I have yet to receive that explanation. Please account for SDCI's role in this matter and coordinate with Seattle IT as necessary. If a search yields no records for a specific category, please state so and specify what sources were searched.

Please provide readable PDFs of all responsive correspondence and attachments. I request confirmation within five business days as to whether this request will be reopened and when I can expect the records. If SDCI maintains its no-records response, please identify the supervisor or reviewer who can address this discrepancy.

Please note that this is a follow-up to my existing request, not a replacement or withdrawal.

Thank you,

PREVIOUS REQUEST
To the Public Records Officer:

I am a member of the public making this request in my individual capacity. I am not requesting the creation of any new record, nor the answering of any question; I request existing responsive records only.

Records identification (for identification purposes only): This request concerns the public dataset "Code Complaints and Violations," also published as "Built Environment Complaints and Violations" (Socrata dataset ID ez4a-iug7), on data.seattle.gov, and specifically its LastInspDate ("Last Inspection Date") field. In public exports of this dataset retrieved in December 2024 and July 2025, the LastInspDate field contained geographic coordinate strings rather than dates. On or about July 6-20, 2025, the contents of that field changed. I submitted inquiries regarding this field

to Open.Data@seattle.gov on March 14, 2025 and April 28, 2025.

RECORDS REQUESTED

1. Origin and design of the field.
All existing records — from the creation of the dataset through the date this request is processed — that document the decision, specification, or configuration determining what data would populate the LastInspDate field of dataset ez4a-iug7. This includes but is not limited to design specifications, requirements documents, field-mapping documents, data dictionaries, schema definitions, configuration files, and any record identifying the person(s) or team(s) who made or approved that determination.

2. Data dictionary and schema.
All versions of the data dictionary, schema definition, and field documentation for dataset ez4a-iug7 in effect at any time from January 1, 2015 through the date this request is processed, including any documentation defining the intended contents of the LastInspDate field.

3. Extract, transform, and load (ETL) records.
All records documenting the ETL process, script, query, view, field mapping, or publishing pipeline that populates the LastInspDate field of dataset ez4a-iug7 from its source system of record to the data.seattle.gov / Socrata portal, in effect at any time from January 1, 2015 through the date this request is processed.

4. Change records.
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Format: Electronic copies, in native electronic format where available and PDF otherwise, delivered by email on a rolling basis as records become available. No paper copies.

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If any portion of this request is unclear or you believe it can be narrowed to speed production, please contact me rather than closing or denying the request.

I can provide records held by Department of Construction and Inspections. For records from other City of Seattle departments, please use the public records portal to make a request directly to that department. The requested records or a first installment of records (if any) will be provided on **9/25/26.**

Sincerely,

Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections

On 9/3/2026 12:03:17 PM, City of Seattle Public Records Request Center wrote:

Dear Leo Katz,

Welcome to the City of Seattle Public Records Request Center (PRRC). Your request was received on September 03, 2026 and is appended below. Please add seattle@mycusthelp.net to your email contacts/address book to ensure delivery of the record center emails to your Inbox.

The reference number for this request is C281387-090326. You will see this number in the title of any communications about this request.

You will hear from a Public Disclosure Officer within five business days regarding the status of your request.

Please visit the City of Seattle Public Records Request Center where you can manage your profile and access your request. Your login ID is: eclectikatz@gmail.com

If a Public Disclosure Officer submitted your public disclosure request into the PRRC on your behalf, please login

and complete your new user account by following these steps:

- Access the Public Records Request Center
- Select 'Forgot my Password'
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Request Created on Public Portal