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From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Morrison, SJ
Subject: Re: Freedom of Information Request

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 22, 2021, at 11:08 AM, Morrison, SJ <smorrison@mct.org> wrote:

FYI...

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From: Madison Taxpayer <jsbhulme@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 8:27 PM
To: FOIA <foia@mct.org>
Subject: Freedom of Information Request

To Whom It May Concern;

This is a freedom of information request.

1. Please provide all contracts with southwestern illinois employers association for the last four years and the board's approval for the contract(s) including votes.
2. Please provide all invoices, payments, and board approvals for southwestern illinois employers association for the last year.
3. Please provide the MCT purchasing and ethics policy and any purchasing and ethics policies that apply to MCT board members.

Please provide responses in electronic format and this is not for commercial purposes.

Thank You,

Douglas Hulme

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From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 4:20 PM
To: Morrison, SJ
Subject: MCT

I'm in Mexico with my wife and the number one thing the people want is my MCT glass cleaner. MCT is big in Mexico.

Mike

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From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 9:44 AM
To: SJ Morrison
Subject: Re: MCT Board Approves Free Rides to COVID-19 Vaccination Sites

SJ,

That is a great idea. Whoever came up with that idea should get big Kuddos.

Nice job,

Mike

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On Mar 8, 2021, at 9:42 AM, SJ Morrison <smorrison@mct.org> wrote:

Good morning Madison County Board Members,
At the request of MCT Board Chairman Ron Jedda, please find the attached press release regarding MCT's efforts to provide free rides to COVID-19 vaccination sites in Madison County. Please let me know if you have any questions, need additional information, or have a resident who is in need of transportation assistance to a vaccination site.

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From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 11:38 AM
To: SJ Morrison
Subject: Re: HB3108: And it begins again.

I must say they will keep pushing this. But we will work hard to kill this bill. I will sign any letter than Bryan puts together. I will begin making home calls on Monday.

I am wondering why a Chicago representative is writing a bill that mentions Metro-East Park and Recreation District. Something doesn't smell right to me. I believe we could get the mayors of cities and villages in Madison County to sign this letter. They need that money to get local park and recreation items completed. Not That I am worried about the park district, but we can use the mayors to help kill this bill. We can also get the county board members to help also.

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On Feb 19, 2021, at 4:42 PM, SJ Morrison <smorrison@mct.org> wrote:

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From: Bryan Werner <bwerner@meprd.org>
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2021 9:35 AM
To: SJ Morrison <smorrison@mct.org>; Ken Sharkey (ksharkey@scctd.org) <ksharkey@scctd.org>; cetwert@floodpreventiondistrict.org
Subject: HB3108: And it begins again.

And it begins again. <https://legiscan.com/IL/bill/HB3108/2021>

How do you guys feel about drafting a single letter in opposition to these repeated attempts signed by all of our agencies, both Counties, and whoever else we think needs to sign it; followed by sending it to EVERY State legislator (because local support alone obviously won't be enough). Per any such correspondence, we need to convince legislators, whose constituents aren't affected by the changes, to vote against such measures on our behalf... instead of siding with the cannabis lobbyists and those they support/fund.

If we are all on board with such a letter -- SJ, you have a small army of staff, do you have any wordsmiths inhouse that might be able to draft such a letter?

Regardless of a unified letter or not, we all need to continue lobbying against these repeated attempts. The cannabis industry is obviously a powerful force, but I don't like losing without at least a fight. 😊 The Regional Transportation Authority has lobbied to get themselves out of the legislation for now. If they can do it, surely we can as well if we work together.

Your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions.

Thanks,
Bryan

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From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Saturday, January 9, 2021 10:13 AM
To: SJ Morrison
Subject: Re: Need Your Assistance Squashing House Bill 3959

SJ,

You have talked to Tracy in Sen. Crowe's office. The committee is tomorrow at 2:00. I can testify, but I will need the total amount MCT would lose in this bill. Is there anything else that the bill would do that would negatively affect MCT?

You can call me at 618-304-6588

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Please do what you can to oppose this legislation and let me know what we can do. I am going to draft a letter to our delegation in the General Assembly, but we're going to need a full court press to stop this from passing.

Let me know if you'd like to have a call next week to discuss.

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Just wanted to let the three of you know that an amended House Bill 3959 was just filed. Click on the link below, then use the search feature to see your amended legislation. If it passes, all of our organizations will no longer receive sales tax revenue from the sale, use, or consumption of recreational cannabis. <https://ilga.gov/legislation/101/HB/PDF/10100HB3959sam001.pdf>

Based on current figures alone, that equates to approximately \$200K annually for MEPRD, and a much greater sum for you three... and only to grow over time.

Contact your local legislators and lobbyists and tell them or remind them to oppose this legislation and others like it if you want to retain your tax revenue from this source. In addition to contacting our local legislators, we sent a letter to every State Rep and Senator, explaining why they too should oppose such measures. Additionally, Chris Stone and the Illinois Association of Park Districts are lobbying to stop such measures. Not sure if our efforts will prove successful, only time will tell, but at least we can say we tried.

Morrison, SJ

From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 8:27 PM
To: SJ Morrison
Subject: December Meeting

SJ,

Can you please send me the link for the meeting on Thursday? I'd like to give an update.

Thanks,

Mike Walters

Sent from my iPhone

Morrison, SJ

From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 10:22 AM
To: SJ Morrison
Subject: Re: Meeting on Monday, October 26

SJ,

Sorry to bother you again, but my phone only goes back about a month. Can you resend the figures that MCT gets from the state and from East/West Gateway?

Thanks,

Mike Walters

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From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2020 9:00 AM
To: SJ Morrison
Cc: Tonya Genovese; Ron Jedda
Subject: Re: Meeting at MCT

SJ,

Sounds good to me. I'll see you the 26th.

Thanks
Mike

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2020, at 8:39 AM, SJ Morrison <smorrison@mct.org> wrote:

Ron, Tonya, Mike:

Let's plan on meeting at MCT, in the main Board Room on Monday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m.

If anything comes up between now and then, please let me know.

Thanks,

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Morrison, SJ

From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 10:35 AM
To: SJ Morrison
Subject: Re: MCT DOAP

SJ,

This might not work out, but does ACT pay any of former Cong. Costello or my salaries? If not should we talk the Phil about us representing ACT?

Thanks,

Mike

P.S. We had a Godfrey Park Board meeting this morning and I gave a lot of kuddos to you and MCT. The mayor was at a visitation or he would have done the same.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2020, at 4:35 PM, Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us> wrote:

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Thanks for the meeting this morning. The mayor was very happy. Also, thanks for this information.

Keep up the great work.

Mike

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Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:36 PM
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Subject: Re: MCT DOAP

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From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:54 AM
To: SJ Morrison
Cc: r_wesley@charter.net; mayor@godfreyil.org; Phil Roggio; Mark Steyer
Subject: Re: Re-scheduling a Meeting with Godfrey to Discuss Future Trail Projects

Thursday works well for me.

Mike Walters

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 23, 2020, at 9:46 AM, SJ Morrison <smorrison@mct.org> wrote:

Let's plan on meeting at Godfrey Village Hall at 10 am on Thursday, July 9.

Thanks gentlemen!

SJ

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From: r_wesley@charter.net <r_wesley@charter.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:47 PM
To: SJ Morrison <smorrison@mct.org>; mayor@godfreyil.org; Phil Roggio <proggio@mct.org>; Mark Steyer <msteyer@mct.org>
Cc: 'Michael J. Walters' <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Subject: RE: Re-scheduling a Meeting with Godfrey to Discuss Future Trail Projects

SJ

I am available on Thursday 7/9 but have a morning mtg on 7/10
Thanks,
Ray Wesley

From: SJ Morrison <smorrison@mct.org>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:48 PM
To: mayor@godfreyil.org; Phil Roggio <proggio@mct.org>; Mark Steyer <msteyer@mct.org>
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To: Mark Steyer
Cc: SJ Morrison; mayor@godfreyil.org; Phil Roggio; r_wesley@charter.net
Subject: Re: Re-scheduling a Meeting with Godfrey to Discuss Future Trail Projects

Both days work for me. We have a Park Board meeting on July 10 at 8:30.

Mike Walters

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2020, at 5:04 PM, Mark Steyer <msteyer@mct.org> wrote:

I am available both of those dates.

Mark Steyer, P.E.

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Morrison, SJ

From: Michael J. Walters <mjwalters@co.madison.il.us>
Sent: Monday, June 1, 2020 11:18 AM
To: SJ Morrison
Subject: Re: Lobbying Efforts Needed Regarding Cannabis Bill

SJ,

For all intensive purposes this bill is dead. When a bill gets to a committee and the chairman of the committee sends it to a sub commlttee, it's either a very important bill that needs some tweaking or the bill is sent there to die. This is not a very important bill in the eyes of the chairman. I have a call into the Senator's office. The people in his office did not have any information on the bill, which tells me it's not an important bill to him. Once I hear back from him I will let you know what he says.

Mike Walters.
Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2020, at 10:21 AM, SJ Morrison <smorrison@mct.org> wrote:

Hi Mike,
Good talking with you, thanks for all of your help. Here's the information regarding the bill making its way through the General Assembly...

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If you haven't already heard, a few in Springfield are once again attempting to revise each of our organization's legislation so that we no longer receive tax revenue from recreational cannabis sales of any type sold within our jurisdictions. Others affected by the current proposed legislation would be the Civic Center Code (I think a.k.a. the Peoria Civic Center), the Regional Transportation Authority, and all State Water Commissions organized under (70 ILCS 3720/).

Similar to other recent efforts (like [SB3469](#)), the following language would be added to each of our organization's legislation. "Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no tax may be imposed under this section on the sale or use of cannabis, as defined in Section 1-10 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act ([410 ILCS 705/](#))". Section 1-10 of the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act basically defines cannabis as any product derived from cannabis, e.g. flower, concentrate, and infused products.

[Here is a copy](#) of the latest attempt filed yesterday. To find the section that affects your organization, [click here](#), then click "Ctrl" and "f" at the same time, this will open up the find feature, then type a word or two of the name of your enabling legislation, then press enter. You'll see the legislative change referenced above will be underlined within your organization's section... meaning it is being added to the legislation.