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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2026 11:33:59 AM
To: Tisha Butler
Cc: Erin Marceaux; 'Sheri Morris'; Freddie Phillips
Subject: New Public Records Request as Spinoff from Last One

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Tisha:

I want to again thank you for your prompt response to my previous public records request and the fact you were even willing to just answer a question rather than forcing the issue of mandatory request for documents.

I don't know if you are a fan of NFL football or NCAA football, but I need to make an analogy in making this latest public records request:

I am the head coach of the team, and your response to the last public records request is the latest play in the game. After the play concluded (i.e. once you sent the email), several of my assistant coaches, most especially Rev. Freddie Lee Phillips, Jr., whom I've copied on this email, have approached me and asked me to essentially throw the equivalent of the "red challenge flag" in an NFL or NCAA football game.

If you're unfamiliar with that aspect of football, each team is permitted a certain number of challenges per half and, based upon my assistant coaches (again, most especially Rev. Phillips), and the repeated publications which have been made that, as of 2022, only approximately 38 permitted hair braiders existed in Louisiana in contrast to 6,700 in Mississippi at that same timeframe, and I want to refresh anyone's memory by providing the link to this feature on *Sound Off Louisiana* from nearly a year ago: <https://www.soundoffla.com/state-rep-c-denise-marcell-makes-surprise-appearance-at-cosmetology-board-meeting-and-states-that-its-kind-of-crazy-to-put-licensure-on-hair-braiders/>

In that article, I draw **particular attention to this passage:**

“As we have previously reported, Mississippi has 6,700 registered hair braiders (as of 2022) whereas Louisiana has approximately 38.”

Given the response you provided below, one can only conclude that some 530 braiders have obtained permits since 2022. With that in mind, and also I reference the one page attachment to this email wherein Board Member Raymond Cosey was informed that his school could no longer

enroll students in his school pending an inspection of the school facility, I make the following brand new public records request:

1. Please provide a listing of the number of braiders who obtained their permits during calendar year 2023, 2024, 2025 and through the current date of March 19, 2026. Please also provide the school from which the newly-permitted braiders obtained their graduation certificates showing evidence of the 500 hours of instruction qualifying them to become a permitted braider. If you prefer to individually list the actual graduates, that is perfectly acceptable as well, but **please indicate the school of graduation from which the 500 hours of instruction was obtained.**
2. Please provide any correspondence on or after February 9, 2026 which in any way pertains to any inspection of Board Member Cosey's school as referenced in the attached letter to him dated February 9, 2026 and/or which has authorized him to resume enrolling students at his school.
3. Please provide body camera footage of any inspection which has transpired on Board Member Cosey's school since that February 9, 2026 letter was sent to him.
4. Please provide any actual inspection report generated on Board Member Cosey's school for any inspection which transpired on or after February 9, 2026.

With this material, we will be essentially doing the same as the referees of an NFL or NCAA game and reviewing the last play called on the field "under the tent" to fully and completely analyze that call to determine game strategy thereafter irrespective of how the review process unfolds.

Thank you again for all of your diligence in responding to public records requests, and both myself, and my lead "Assistant Coach," Rev. Phillips, look very forward to hearing back from you entailing the above requested items.

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From: Tisha Butler <Tisha.Butler@LA.GOV>
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Subject: Re: Very Simple Public Records Request

Good morning,

I have conferred with our IT department and we have a total of 570 alternative hair design permit holders.

Tisha

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From: Robert Burns <Robert@SoundOffLA.com>

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2026 4:53:20 PM

To: Tisha Butler

Cc: Erin Marceaux; 'Sheri Morris'

Subject: Very Simple Public Records Request

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Good Afternoon, Tisha:

This will probably be the easiest public records request I've ever submitted.

Please provide any documentation which evidences the number of alternative hair design permit holders in Louisiana.

Thanks, and look forward to hearing back from you.

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