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By email: [gsmith@IRmep.org](mailto:gsmith@IRmep.org)

Re: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request  
Documentation with Virginia Israel Advisory Board

Dear Mr. Smith:

In an email received from you on Sunday, June 16, 2019, you made a request to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership Authority ("VEDP") for certain public records, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, Chapter 37, Title 2.2, Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended ("FOIA"). Since you included a copy of your press pass, we have assumed that you may make a FOIA request, as a representative of a newspaper or magazine with circulation in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

You have requested from VEDP the following public records regarding the Virginia Israel Advisory Board (VIAB): documents [or documents containing the following information]...:

1. Any cross-referenced information about VEDP/VIAB joint or multi-party partnerships in economic development.
2. Any cross-referenced information about VEDP/VIAB coordination to avoid duplication of efforts or work at cross-purpose.
3. Any cross-referenced information about VEDP/VIAB formal accords or agreements to work together.

The requested records do not exist.

In the furtherance of our operations, VEDP works with hundreds of localities, regions, state agencies, entities and institutions, and private sector partners, including the VIAB. We do not generally have documentation with these other entities formalizing our partnerships, coordination or common work.

Thank you for your interest in economic development in the Commonwealth.

Very truly yours,



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General Counsel