

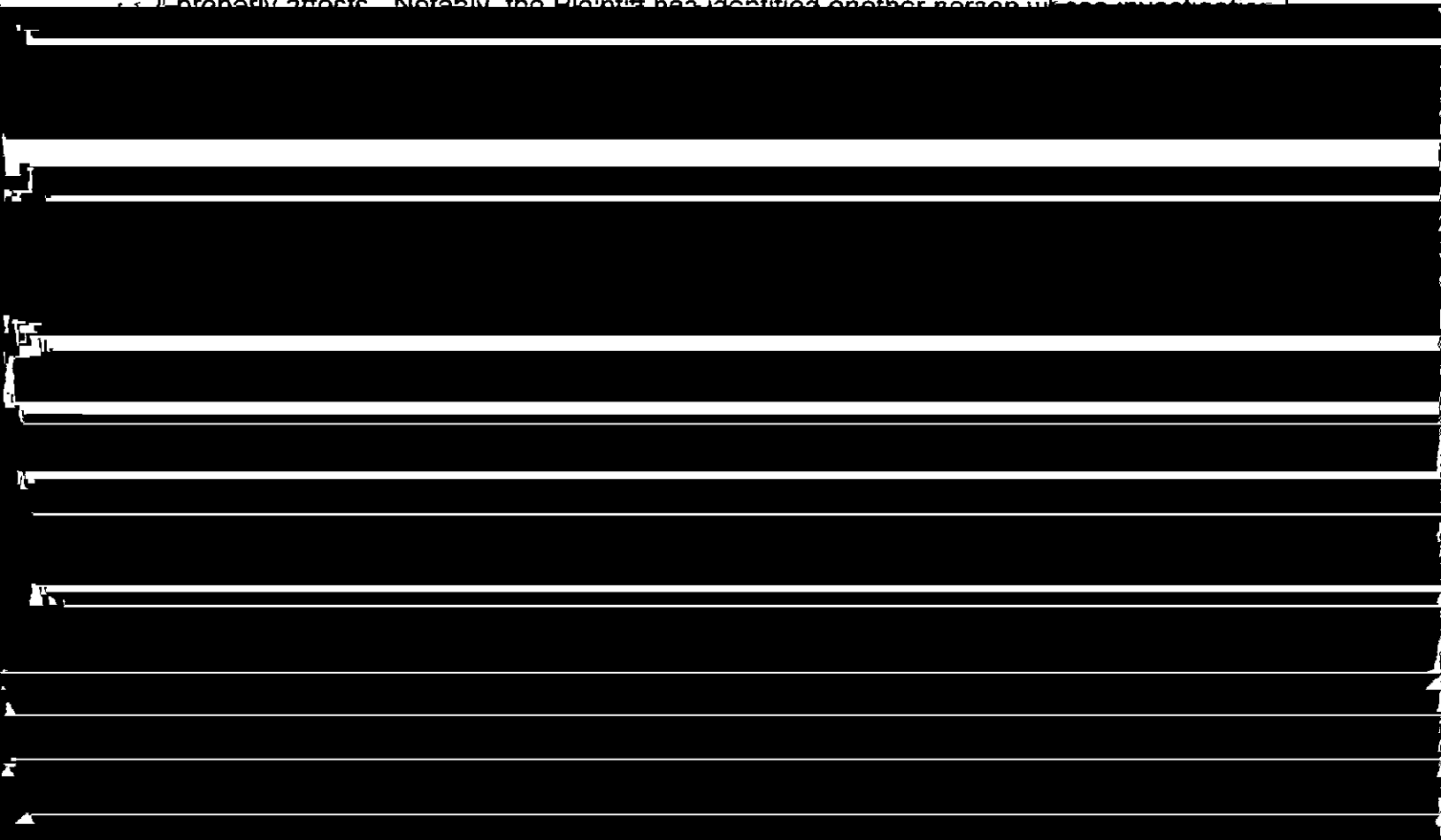


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records is in the public interest, even though such examination may cause inconvenience or embarrassment to public officials or others. ACLU of Washington v. Blaine Sch. Dist. No. 503, 95 Wn. App. 106, 113-14, 975, P.2d 536 (1999). The Public Records Act "is a strongly worded mandate for broad disclosure of public records." Hearst Corp. v. Hoppe, 90 Wn.2d 123, 127, 580 P.2d 246 (1978). Its disclosure provisions must be liberally construed, and its exemptions narrowly construed. RCW 42.17.010(11).

The Plaintiff is not pursuing litigation against Pierce County, except for the present lawsuit. The documents initiating the investigation clearly identify that the investigation was commenced internally, it did not involve lawyers or their staff, and it was not for litigation but to respond to issues such as non-payment of multiple employees' wages and failure to investigate multiple EEO complaints, as the Plaintiff properly attests. Notably, the Plaintiff has identified another person who was investigating



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Obviously the Pierce County Prosecutor's office is grasping at straws

