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Re: Legislative Open Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated March 1, 2024, requesting, pursuant to the California Public Records Act, certain email correspondence of various Members of the California State Assembly.

Because the California State Assembly is not subject to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 7920.540), we construe your request as one seeking legislative records pursuant to the Legislative Open Records Act. (Gov. Code., § 9070, et seq.)

The Legislative Open Records Act provides that a number of categories of documents are exempt from mandatory disclosure, including “[c]orrespondence of and to individual Members of the Legislature and their staff” and “[c]ommunications from private citizens to the Legislature.” (Gov. Code, § 9075 (h) and (j).) Responsive records, to the extent they exist, fall within the scope of one or more of these exemptions and will not be produced.

Sincerely,

LIA LOPEZ
Chief Administrative Officer
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