

## Re: PRA request

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From: Jeanne Min (jeanne.min@lacity.org)

To: hollywoodsunshinecoalition@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, November 19, 2018, 12:37 PM PST

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To Hollywood Sunshine Coalition:

This is in response to your California Public Records Act (CPRA) request of November 7, 2018, in which you ask for copies of all emails to and from [mitchof13@gmail.com](mailto:mitchof13@gmail.com) from July 1, 2013 to the present.

You are correct that under the City of San Jose case we are required to produce emails related to City business—not personal emails—even though they were sent or received using a private email account; and our Office is, of course, prepared to do so.

However, your current CPRA request is not sufficiently focused. Satisfying your current request would require us to review an enormous volume of emails, cull many, if not, most of the emails because they are personal and not related to City-business, review the still large volume of remaining emails for exemptions, and then make any redactions as appropriate. Our Office is not required to fulfill the request under the balancing test in Government Code section 6255 because the public interest in producing the records—given the work required to satisfy the overly broad request—is clearly outweighed by the public interest in not producing the records.

We are prepared to work with you to focus your request into something manageable. For example, if you provided specific search terms and a time frame we could use that to cull the volume of documents while retaining the smaller number of documents pertaining to City-related business that you are interested in.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jeanne Min

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On Wed, Nov 7, 2018 at 8:51 PM Hollywood Sunshine <[hollywoodsunshinecoalition@yahoo.com](mailto:hollywoodsunshinecoalition@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Good evening Councilmember O'Farrell,

On behalf of the Hollywood Sunshine Coalition I am making this request under the public records act for copies of all emails to and from your account at [mitchof13@gmail.com](mailto:mitchof13@gmail.com) from July 1, 2013 onward to the present day. It's clear from our work that you use this account to conduct public business. As I am sure you are aware the California Supreme Court found last year in City of San Jose that the private email accounts of public officials such as yourself used to conduct public business are subject to disclosure under the law.

Since this is a gmail account it will be very easy for you to export these emails in mbox format using Google Takeout, and it is this form that we will need to have these emails.

Thank you for your anticipated compliance with this fundamental right granted to we the people by the Constitution of the great state of California.

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