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Subject: California Public Records Act Request

Dear Ms. Leonida:

The Riverside County District Attorney's Office received an e-mail from Abby Vare, Litigation Legal Assistant, on Friday, July 23, 2021, in which your California Public Records Act request is attached. Your records request is submitted on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California and seeks "[r]ecords relevant to the implementation of California's Racial Justice Act ("RJA")." Your request further indicates that your "CPRA letter constitutes a renewal of the ACLU's two prior requests (as relevant, updated to the present day) and also a request for the additional following records in the possession or control of the Office of the District Attorney of Riverside County for the time period 2015 to Present." Copies of the two prior requests to which you refer dated May 13, 2019 and July 29, 2019, are attached as exhibits to your July 23, 2021 letter. You additionally provide a list of additional records sought to include item 1, a through l; item 2, a through e; and item 4, a through d.

In a letter dated August 2, 2021, we explained that your request requires that we consult with other divisions within our office, search for potentially responsive records, review any potentially responsive records, and consider any applicable legal objections. We have identified the ACLU's two prior requests attached to your new request as Exhibits 1 and 2. We are in the process of reviewing those requests, any response(s) from our office to

said requests, and any records released. We are also in the process of vetting through your new request which asks for a voluminous amount of information and records encompassing six (6) years. As such, we need additional time to **Wednesday, September 15, 2021**. (Gov. Code, § 6253, subd. (c) [additional time permitted under the CPRA where there is a need for consultation among two or more components of an agency, or to search for and collect records].) Depending on our progress, additional time may be necessary. Nonetheless, this additional time will ensure that our office provides you with a complete and accurate response, and thus fulfills its obligations under the CPRA.

Should you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at (951) 955-5400 or via e-mail at cpa@rivcoda.org.

Very truly yours,

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