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SENT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

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Re: California Public Records Act Request

To the Office of the District Attorney for Butte County:

I am writing today regarding your refusal to respond to our CPRA request dated July 23, 2021. As you no doubt are aware, the CPRA imposes timelines for responding to requests and mandates that all state and local agencies, upon receipt of a request for public records, (1) determine whether the requested records are “disclosable”—in whole or in part—and (2) “promptly notify” the requestor of that determination “within 10 days from receipt of the request.”¹ You have not done so and have not contacted our office regarding any type of extension.

Our office attempted to contact you by phone on September 2, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 18, 2021, and October 25, 2021. We also attempted to contact you by email on November 8, 2021.

On December 8, 2021, we called your office and confirmed your office’s email address. We received an email confirming that our original email was received. Attached to that email was a letter stating that if you do not respond immediately and signal your intention to produce the requested documents in a timely manner, we will have no choice but to initiate litigation at your expense to obtain the documents we have requested.²

You have continued to ignore our communications and we are now writing to inform you that we will be initiating litigation to obtain the requested documents and will be seeking attorney’s fees for the cost of that litigation. If you wish to avoid this, you must contact our office immediately.

¹ Gov’t Code § 6253(c).

² Gov’t Code § 6259(d).

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Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ellen Leonida', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ellen Leonida