



July 25, 2024

Via Online Request Form:

California Attorney General's Office
Public Records Coordinator
P.O. Box 944255
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

California Public Records Act Request: Former California Attorney General Kamala Harris Records Related to Public Statements and Criminal Aliens

Dear Public Records Coordinator:

America First Legal Foundation is a national, nonprofit organization working to promote the rule of law in the United States, prevent executive overreach, and ensure due process and equal protection for all Americans, all to promote public knowledge and understanding of the law and individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States. To that end, we file Freedom of Information Act requests on issues of pressing public concern, then disseminate the information we obtain, making documents broadly available to the public, scholars, and the media. Using our editorial skills to turn raw materials into distinct work, we distribute that work to a national audience through traditional and social media platforms. AFL's X page has over 250,000 followers and the X page of our Founder and President has over 674,000 followers.

We are requesting access to the records and electronic systems of former California Attorney General Kamala Harris, in possession or control of the California Attorney General's Office, for the purposes of inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act, California Government Code § 7920.000 et seq. ("CPRA"), and the California Constitution, CONST. art. I, § 3(b). As California's Attorney General, Kamala Harris refused to enforce federal immigration laws by defending San Francisco's sanctuary-city ordinance and opposing California's participation in the federal Secure Communities program, which required local authorities to detain criminal suspects for deportation if they're illegal aliens. Harris, in an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle, stated, "What needs to be looked at . . . is comprehensive

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immigration reform . . . Immigration policy in our country has to be reformed, and it has to be based on the fact that we have 11 million undocumented in this country—and California has the largest numbers of undocumented, in excess of 2 million people. In California, one in two Californians was born outside the United States, or has a parent born outside the U.S.—including myself.”¹ (hereinafter “San Francisco Chronicle article”). In addition, Harris stated that “an undocumented immigrant is not a criminal.”²

Beyond Harris’ laxity concerning immigration laws, “in 2014 Harris agreed to a settlement with Rodney Quine, a litigious transgender prisoner serving a life sentence for murder without the possibility of parole, allowing him to have a costly sex-change operation at taxpayer expense. Quine’s attorneys argued that forcing him to retain the genitals he was born with while in prison violated the Eighth Amendment’s ban on ‘cruel and unusual punishment.’”³ Harris praised the settlement as “an important step forward in the ongoing effort to protect transgender rights in California.”⁴ (hereinafter “Quine Settlement”).

I. Requested Records

Pursuant to the CPRA, Cal. Gov’t Code §§ 7920.000, et seq., and the California Constitution, CAL. CONST. art. I, § 3(b), AFL requests disclosure of all records and communications within the records and electronic systems of former Attorney General of California Kamala Harris referring and relating to:

- A. Talking points, communications, and related material concerning Harris’ preparations for an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle. The time period for this item is from January 1, 2016, to January 1, 2017.
- B. All records, including drafts, meeting notes, and related communications, concerning the Quine Settlement and all statements made by Harris concerning the Quine Settlement. The time period for this item is from January 1, 2013, to January 1, 2015.
- C. All records relating to Jose Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, an illegal alien from Mexico with a string of prior felonies and five previous deportations. The time period for this item is from July 1, 2014, to December 31, 2015.

¹ Mark Pulliam, *The Next Obama*, CITY JOURNAL (2016), <https://tinyurl.com/4fn7ct46>.

² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

II. Processing and Production

If you have any questions about our request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate more efficient production, then please contact me at FOIA@aflegal.org. Further, please advise if the records are available for inspection pursuant to Cal Gov't Code § 7922.525 (a), (b).

To accelerate your release of responsive records, AFL welcomes production on an agreed-upon rolling basis. Please email responsive records in electronic format. Alternatively, please send responsive records in native format or PDF format on a USB drive to America First Legal Foundation, 611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231, Washington, DC 20003.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Will Scolinos
America First Legal Foundation