July 25, 2024

Via DHCS PRA Portal:

Department of Health Care Services,
Office of Legal Services,
ATTN: PRA Request,
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0012,
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413.

California Public Records Request: Communications of Former California Medical Assistance Commission Commissioner Kamala Harris

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 Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board Member Kamala Harris, in possession or control of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board Office, for the purposes of inspection and copying. We are investigating the circumstances of Kamala Harris' relationship with Willie Brown from her service term from June 1994 through November 1994. During the mid-1990s, while Kamala Harris was serving as a Deputy District Attorney, she was in a relationship with Willie Brown, who was a prominent political figure in California.[1]

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[1] David Siders, *'Ruthless': How Kamala Harris Won Her First Race*, POLITICO (Jan. 24, 2019), https://tinyurl.com/3bs7wwrx.

Brown went on to serve as the Mayor of San Francisco after his tenure as Speaker of the California State Assembly.[2] Brown was investigated by the FBI for his conflicts of interest when he was Speaker of the California State Assembly, and Kamala Harris benefitted from his influence.[3] As the Speaker of the California State Assembly, Brown named Harris to well-compensated posts on the California Medical Assistance Commission and Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.[4]

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 the following records and electronic systems of former California Medical Assistance Commission Commissioner Kamala Harris:

A. All records referring to or relating to communications between California Medical Assistance Commission Commissioner Kamala Harris and California Assembly Member Willie Brown.

B. All records concerning California Medical Assistance Commission Commissioner Kamala Harris' consultations with the Ethics Ombudsperson Office (or the equivalent and appropriate office during Kamala Harris' term of service) relating to gifts, conflicts of interest, or any matter for which Kamala Harris engaged in consultation.

The time period is from March 1, 1994, to October 1, 1998.

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.

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[2] *Id.*

[3] *Id.*

[4] *Id.*

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.

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Sincerely,
/s/ Will Scolinos
America First Legal Foundation

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