



December 19, 2024

Via Online Request Portal

1600 Pacific Highway
Fourth Floor, Room 402
San Diego, California 92101

California Public Records Request: Communications Regarding Federal Immigration Enforcement

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 320,000 followers.

We are requesting access to the records and electronic systems 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).

I. Records Request

Pursuant to the CPRA, Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7920.000, et seq., and the California Constitution, CAL. CONST. art. I, § 3(b), which govern access to public records of California state and local government agencies, AFL requests disclosure of the following records:

- A. All communications with personnel from the embassies or consulates of the following countries: China, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador,

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Washington, DC 20003

320 South Madison Avenue
Monroe, Georgia 30655

Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Brazil, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, or Venezuela.

- B. All communications with correspondents with email domains ending in “dhs.gov” or “doj.gov” or with the correspondents in the California Attorney General’s Office that mention or refer to Trump, immigration, or the arrest or presence of foreign nationals in the United States
- C. All communications with correspondents with email domains ending in “un.org,” “gov.ca.gov,” “doj.ca.gov,” “gov.sa,” “gob.ve,” “diplomatie.ht,” “.pk,” “gob.ni,” “.ng,” “.ni,” “gob.gt,” “.gt,” “gob.hn,” “.hn,” “gob.sv,” “.sv,” “.ec,” “.so,” “.in,” “.br,” “gov.cn,” “edu.cn,” “.mx,” or “gob.mx.”
- D. All records and communications mentioning any of the following terms: “Trump,” “election,” “immigration,” “immigrant,” “detainer,” “Homan,” “NGO,” “alien,” “asylum,” “withholding of removal,” “family unit,” “[space]UAC[space],” “take our neighbors,” “migrant,” “public trust,” “sanctuary,” “safe space,” “Catholic Charities,” “Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service,” “LIRS,” “Episcopal Migration Ministries,” “Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society,” “HIAS,” “Church World Service,” “World Relief Corp,” “primary mission,” “[space]INA[space],” “[space]ICE[space],” “removal,” “Special Order 40,” “Sanctuary Law,” “AB 450,” “7284.6,” “notice(s) to appear,” “notice(s) to report,” “order of recognizance,” “order of release,” “deport,” or “deportation.”
- E. All records, including communications, calendar entries, and documents mentioning or belonging to Nora Vargas since November 1, 2024.
- F. Please exclude all responsive records containing the word unsubscribe.”

The time period for these items is from November 1, 2024, to the date this request is processed. This request does not include communications that are press releases, news articles, or messages sent via listserv.

II. Custodians

- A. Nora Vargas, Chair
- B. Joel Anderson
- C. Terra Lawson-Remer, Vice Chair
- D. Monica Montgomery Steppe

E. Jim Desmond

III. 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). If you believe that AFL would be required under California law to pay any fees in connection with this request, please contact us immediately upon making that determination.

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