

December 19, 2024

Via Email: myr.pra@lacity.org

200 N. Spring St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

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,

611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231 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 California Office of the Attorney General or the Office of the City Attorney 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 Mayor Karen Bass 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. Karen Bass, Mayor
- B. Carolyn Webb de Macías, Chief of Staff
- C. Zachia Nazarzai, Executive Officer

- D. Jenny Delwood, Deputy Chief of Staff
- E. Celine Cordero, Deputy Chief of Staff
- F. Solomon Rivera, Deputy Chief of Staff
- G. Hydee Feldstein Soto, City Attorney

Legal Counsel

- H. David Michaelson, Counsel to the Mayor
- I. Ruth Kwon, Deputy Counsel to the Mayor & Ethics Officer
- J. Luz Portillo, Legal Specialist
- K. Aminah Williams, Senior Legal Analyst

Intergovernmental Affairs

- L. Joey Freeman, Deputy Mayor
- M. Faith Williams, Executive Officer
- N. Rosemarie Aceituno, Executive Assistant
- O. Sarah Rascon, Director of County and Regional Affairs
- P. Elizabeth Barrie, Federal Affairs and National Engagement Manager (DC)
- Q. Freddie Quintana, Sr Director of State Affairs
- R. Nicole Kurian, State Affairs Manager

Legislative Affairs

- S. Nicole Kurian, State Affairs Manager
- T. Krista Kline, Senior Director
- U. Mark Edwards, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs
- V. Jenna Karic, Senior Deputy of Legislative Affairs

W. Thomas Arechiga, Deputy Director of Legislative & Commissions Affairs

International Affairs

- X. Erin Bromaghim, Deputy Mayor
- Y. An Tran, Executive Officer

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