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RE: Your Public Records Act Request, No. 2024-01951

Dear Rachel Jag:

This letter responds to your above request per the Public Records Act (Gov. Code § 7920.000 et seq.). Your description of records requested follows in italics:

*In 2015, California Attorney General Kamala Harris launched a criminal investigation into corruption inside Orange County jails (hereinafter “criminal investigation”). See Letter from Todd Spitzer, Orange County Dist. Att’y, to Hon. Att’y Gen. Xavier Becerra, Cal. Dep’t of Just. (Apr. 23, 2019) <https://bit.ly/3y1mniP> (last visited July 24, 2024). Four years later, no charges were filed. Id.*

*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 records, including document drafts, meeting notes, and related communications and records relating to the criminal investigation and Harris’ decision not to seek indictments*

*B. All records, including document drafts, reports, advice, meeting notes, and related communications and records and related communications evidencing:*

*1. All records indicating any findings of perjury by any deputy employed in the Orange County Sheriff’s Department, including specific findings that two deputies “intentionally lied or willfully withheld material evidence” about the misuse of informants at a murder trial.*

*2. The number and job title of Sheriff’s Department employees who were interviewed as part of the investigation and the dates of each interview of Sheriff’s Department personnel.*

*3. All reports or communications made to the AG office by Orange County Assistant Public Defender Scott Sanders.*

*C. All records, including email communications within the Office of the Attorney General, sufficient to show a timeline, or proposed timeline or date to end the Attorney General’s investigation into the Orange County Sheriff’s Department*

*D. All communications with the Orange County District Attorney, including any responses to (and drafts or communications relating to) Todd Spitzer’s April 23, 2019, letter to Attorney General Xavier Becerra. See Letter from Todd Spitzer, Orange County Dist. Att’y, to Hon. Att’y Gen. Xavier Becerra, Cal. Dep’t of Just. (Apr. 23, 2019) <https://bit.ly/3y1mniP> (last visited July 24, 2024).*

*The time period for these items is from November 1, 2014, to March 31, 2020.*

For the reasons set forth below, this Office is extending the response date for your request to August 19, 2024. Agencies are permitted to extend the date for responding to a public records request for 14 days beyond the original 10-day deadline for responding under specified circumstances. (§ 7922.535.) As your request was



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received by this Office on July 25, 2024, the time established for the original response is August 5, 2024. 14 days beyond this date is August 19, 2024. Under § 7922.535(c), agencies may invoke the extension for several reasons. In this instance, an extension is needed to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records that are demanded in a single request. (§ 7922.535(c).)

Sincerely,

/s/ Jessica Owen

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