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***Via Email:***

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RE: Public Records Act Request; DOJ No. 2024-01952

Dear Rachel L. Jag:

This letter is in response to your recent correspondence, which was received by the California Department of Justice (DOJ) on July 25, 2024, in which you sought records pursuant to the California Public Records Act. (Gov. Code, § 7920.000 et seq.)

Specifically, you requested that the Department provide the following:

*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), AFL requests disclosure of the following records held in the custodial files of former Attorney General Kamala Harris:*

- A. All records relating to The People (of California) v. Efrain Velasco-Palacios throughout trial-level proceedings and appeal;*
- B. All records, including internal communications and memoranda, relating to Harris's statement that "only abject physical brutality would warrant a finding of prosecutorial misconduct and the dismissal of an indictment;"*
- C. All records referring or relating to the Masonic Fraternal Police Department;*
- D. All records referring or relating to complaints concerning Larry Wallace;*
- E. All notices from the Equal Employment Rights and Resolution Office concerning Larry Wallace;*
- F. All communications to or with Kamala Harris concerning claims by Danielle Hartley.*

Agencies are permitted to extend the date for responding to a public records request for fourteen days beyond the original 10-day deadline under specified circumstances. (Gov. Code, § 7922.535, subs. (b), (c).) Your request was received by this office on July 25, 2024, and the

initial deadline of our response therefore is August 5, 2024, because the tenth day falls on a Sunday. Fourteen days beyond this date is August 19, 2024.

Agencies may take an extension for several reasons, which may be summarized as follows:

1. The need to search for and collect records from field offices or other facilities that are separate from the office processing the request.
2. The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request.
3. The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject matter interest therein.

(Gov. Code, § 7922.535.)

In this instance, an extension is needed to consult among multiple components of the agency to determine whether or not the Department has materials that are responsive to your request. We will provide a further response on or before August 19, 2024.

Sincerely,

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