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**VIA E-MAIL ONLY**

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Amy Parker

Re: California Public Records Act Request

Dear Ms. Parker,

This correspondence constitutes the Cerritos Community College District's ("District") response to your California Public Records Act ("CPRA") request received by the District via email on March 25, 2023.

You were advised on April 4, 2023 that pursuant to Government Code section 6253(c), the District required additional time to determine whether responsive records exist, and if any of those records are exempt from disclosure.

"..... all documents the District holds regarding:

- Where the California state funding for COLA (that was withheld until 2019) was moved around prior to its disbursement
- Where the California state funding for COLA (that was withheld until 2022) was moved around prior to its disbursement
- Where the California state funding for adjunct (>=6 units) health insurance provided by the college has been moved around."

Under the CPRA, a "public record" is defined as, "any writing containing information related to the conduct of the people's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics." (Government Code § 6252(e)).

Information regarding this District's budget is available on Cerritos College website, <https://www.cerritos.edu/budget/adopted-budget-links.htm>. Further, please find the history of COLA (page 16 of the PDF) the District's has received and included within the budget, <https://www.cerritos.edu/budget/includes/docs/2022-2023AdoptedBudget/BOT2022-23AdoptedBudgetPresentation09142022.pdf>. All COLA increases provided by the state are funded within the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) and are recorded as general apportionment, <https://www.cerritos.edu/budget/adopted-budget-links.htm>. These funds are classified within the unrestricted general fund and remain in the unrestricted general fund that support on-going costs of the District.

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With regards to "[w]here the California state funding for adjunct ( $\geq 6$  units) health insurance provided by the college has been moved around" these funds are provided on a cost reimbursement.

The Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program authorizes a community college district to provide health insurance for part-time faculty and their dependents and provides reimbursements to districts that submit claims for the cost of part-time faculty insurance premiums. As noted in the latest [collective bargaining agreement](#) with CCFF, the District increased the availability of funds to \$137,000 per year towards reimbursement of medical and dental insurance expenses for eligible part-time faculty. Further, on March 6, 2023, the District and CCFF agreed to increase the existing cap to \$300,000 to reimburse health care premiums for eligible part-time faculty.

This was made possible due to the 2022 Budget Act providing ongoing \$200 million annually for the Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program as a means of incentivizing districts to expand healthcare coverage for their part-time faculty. In prior years, this program was funded at \$490,000 annually, with around 40 districts participating each year, which only reimbursed districts pennies on the dollar. Under the new enhanced program, districts like Cerritos College will now be reimbursed up to 50% of the total costs provided to eligible part-time faculty. This means, of the \$300,000 funds allocated by Cerritos College for health insurance to those eligible part-time faculty, the state will only reimburse a maximum of \$150,000 back to Cerritos College. Meaning, the funds provided by the state to Cerritos College are reimbursements of costs regarding paid to eligible part-time faculty by Cerritos College.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,

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