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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Public Records Act Request; DOJ No. 2023-02467

Dear Ms. Parker:

This letter is in response to your recent correspondence, received by the Department of Justice (Department) on October 11, 2023, in which you sought records pursuant to the California Public Records Act. (Gov. Code, §§7921.000 et seq.)

Specifically, you requested that we provide the following:

All reports, complaints, or comments received by the Department of Justice from October 1, 2019, to September 30, 2023, pertaining to violations of the California Public Records Act, Ralph M. Brown Act, or Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act by state and local agencies in the State of California.

On October 20, 2023, the Department provided notice that it was taking an extension of time to respond to your request.

The Department must decline your request for records. The Department does not issue or receive any reports pertaining to violations of the California Public Records Act, Ralph M. Brown Act, or Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act. Also, your request for comments pertaining to such violations is too broad and unduly burdensome. There are Offices of the Attorney General in six different cities and additional offices for the Department's law enforcement divisions. In general, the Department does not maintain, index or categorize our files based on the criteria provided in your request. Therefore, a search for records responsive to your request for comments would require each division of the Department (including each section, branch, unit or bureau) to be canvassed, requiring staff or each individual deputy attorney general to review every email and letter received to determine if they would qualify as a comment about the violations you specified in your request. The expense and inconvenience of engaging in such a limitless search of documents would not be in the public interest. (Gov. Code, § 7922.000; *American Civil Liberties Union Foundation v. Deukmejian* (1982) 32 Cal.3d 440, 452-453.)

To the extent that your request seeks complaints, records or investigative files, we must decline your request. Complaints and investigative records are confidential law enforcement records of the Attorney General. Government Code section 7923.600-7923.625 expressly

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exempts from disclosure investigatory files of the Attorney General including complaints about unlawful practices. (See *Williams v. Superior Court* (1993) 5 Cal. 4th 337, 354.)

This completes the Department's response to your request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mayara Sá
Deputy Attorney General

For ROB BONTA
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