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April 2, 2020

Attn: Raymond Lutz
Citizen's Oversight Projects (COPs)
771 Jamacha Rd #148
El Cajon, CA 92019

Re: COPs California Public Records Act Request received March 22, 2020

Dear Mr. Lutz,

This office represents the County of Marin Registrar of Voters (ROV). I am in receipt of the above-referenced letter that you sent to my client and am responding to both inform you that your communication has been received and to request additional time for response.

Government Code section 6253(c) provides that an agency, "upon a request for a copy of records, shall, within 10 days from receipt of the request, determine whether the request, in whole or in part, seeks copies of disclosable public records of the agency." However, "[i]n unusual circumstances," an agency may request additional time of up to 14 days for response. (*Id*.) Even under less unusual circumstances, the ROV would be requesting a 14-day extension in which to respond to your records request. But under the current unprecedented circumstances, the ROV will need at least this much time and quite likely more.

Counties across the Bay Area, including Marin County, have been working furiously and with significantly reduced staffing and other resources over the past several weeks to spearhead the State's and the Nation's response to the rapidly evolving and wholly unprecedented emergency situation surrounding the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Tasks related to protecting the health and safety of our staff and our community take absolute priority during this time and for the foreseeable short-term future. The Governor appears to have recognized this reality as well, as he provided in recent Executive Orders for the fact that ROVs statewide may have difficulties meeting statutory deadlines.

That being said, the ROV will work on locating documents that may be responsive to your request of March 22, 2020 and getting a more robust communication back out to you as soon as is reasonably possible. Should you have any additional questions, or any concerns about the timeline for response outlined above, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

/s/
Valorie R. Boughey
Deputy County Counsel