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Mr. Ray Lutz
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Re: Public Records Act Requests, dated March 22, 2020

Dear Mr. Lutz:

The County is in receipt of your Public Records Act request, dated March 22, 2020, generally seeking ballot images and related cast-vote records and other files pertaining to the March 3, 2020 primary election.

The County of Sonoma is committed to providing information to the public in compliance with the Public Records Act, and will release all existing public, non-exempt records that may be responsive to your requests. Please note, however, that delays in the processing of Public Records Act requests are currently inevitable. In compliance with Orders of the Sonoma County's Health Officer, the County has closed all business except for essential functions due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. All employee resources are currently focused on providing essential emergency services for the health and safety of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Governor's Executive Order N-34-20 expressly acknowledged that Registrars of Voters may have difficulty meeting statutory deadlines.

Once the County resumes normal business operations, staff will process your request as soon as reasonably possible and review all existing records that may be responsive to your requests. At that time, we will inform you whether records exist, which exemptions apply, and when you may expect to receive any existing, public and non-exempt records. In addition, we may also ask you to further clarify your request to assist us with a reasonable search for identifiable records pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code 6253.1.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Petra Bruggisser
Deputy County Counsel

Cc: Deva Marie Proto