

December 18, 2009

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Cynthia D. Banks, Director
County of Los Angeles Department of Community and Senior Services
3175 West 6th St.
Los Angeles, CA 90020

Dear Ms. Banks,

Pursuant to the state open records law, Cal. Gov't Code Secs. 6250 to 6277 and the California Constitution, as amended by passage of Proposition 59 on November 2, 2004, and upon the referral of the Office of the County Counsel on December 4, 2009, I write to request access to and a copy of:

Any and all contracts, agreements, or substantially similar records that delineate the relationship between the Altadena Town Council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does and include the proper custodian's name and address.

I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$100.00. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

As provided in the open records law, I will expect your response within ten (10) business days. If you determine that any or all of the information is exempt from disclosure, I ask that you reconsider that determination in view of Prop 59, which has amended the state Constitution to require that all exemptions be "narrowly construed." Prop 59 may modify or overturn authorities on which you have relied in the past.

If you nonetheless determine that the requested records are subject to a still-valid exemption, I would further request that: (1) you exercise your discretion to disclose some or all of the records notwithstanding the exemption; and (2) that, with respect to records containing both exempt and non-exempt content, you redact the exempt content and disclose the rest.

Finally, should you deny part or all of this request, you are required to provide a written response describing the legal authority or authorities on which you rely. Please also address the question whether Prop 59 requires disclosure even though authorities predating Prop 59 may appear to support your exemption claim.

Please be advised that I am prepared to pursue whatever legal remedy necessary to obtain access to the requested records. I would note that willful violation of the open records law can result in the award of court costs and reasonable attorney fees.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Herbert Simmons' written in a cursive style.

Herbert Simmons
P.O. Box 40923
Pasadena, CA 91114

CC: Attorney Rene Amy