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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

HOME ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY FOR ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Operative January 1, 2023, [Assembly Bill 473](#) (Stats. 2021, ch. 614) recodified and reorganized the provisions of the California Public Records Act (CPRA). These changes are nonsubstantial in nature and intended to make the CPRA easier to understand and use.

Included in the CPRA are restrictions for government agencies on the internet posting of home addresses and telephone numbers for certain officials. This letter reiterates these restrictions and updates the code sections referenced in Letters To Assessors Nos. 99/22, 2002/085, 2005/081, 2006/048, and 2010/050.

Government Code (GC) [section 7928.205](#) (formerly GC section 6254.21(a)) prohibits any state or local agency from posting on the internet the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.

For purposes of the CPRA, an "elected or appointed official" is defined in GC section [7920.500](#) (formerly GC section 6254.21(f)) and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- A state constitutional officer
- A Member of the Legislature or Congress
- A judge or court commissioner
- A district attorney
- A public or federal defender
- A mayor, member of a city council, or board of supervisors
- A police chief or sheriff, state administrative law judge, or federal judge
- A public safety official

A "public safety official" is defined in Government Code section [7920.535](#) (formerly section 6254.24) and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- A peace officer or the surviving spouse or child of a peace officer who died in the line of duty
- A public officer

- An attorney employed by the Department of Justice, the State Public Defender, a county office of the district attorney or public defender, the United States Attorney, or the Federal Public Defender
- A city attorney and an attorney who represents cities in criminal matters
- An employee who supervises inmates in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, a city police department, a county sheriff's office, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, a federal, state, or a local detention facility, or a local juvenile hall, camp, ranch, or home, and a probation officer
- A federal prosecutor, a federal criminal investigator, and a National Park Service Ranger working in California
- State and federal judges and court commissioners

These Government Code sections restrict information posted on the internet, unless written permission is first obtained. Revenue and Taxation Code section 602 specifies the contents of the assessment roll, and Revenue and Taxation Code section 408 requires that certain information be identified on the assessment roll. Thus, these restrictions do not affect the contents of the assessment roll, nor do they apply to the physical copy of the assessment roll that is located in an Assessor's office.

These code sections also do not affect the sale of the assessment roll to companies that collect data. Other sections of the Government Code place restrictions on individuals and businesses from posting certain information on the Internet.

Enclosed is a copy of Government Code sections 7920.500 and 7920.535. If you have any questions, please contact the County-Assessed Properties Division at 1-916-274-3350.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jack McCool for

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Enclosure

Government Code
Title 1. General
Division 10. Access to Public Records
Part 1. General Provisions
Chapter 2. Definitions

7920.500. For purposes of Article 3 (commencing with Section 7928.200) of Chapter 14 of Part 5, "elected or appointed official" includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- (a) A state constitutional officer.
- (b) A Member of the Legislature.
- (c) A judge or court commissioner.
- (d) A district attorney.
- (e) A public defender.
- (f) A member of a city council.
- (g) A member of a board of supervisors.
- (h) An appointee of the Governor.
- (i) An appointee of the Legislature.
- (j) A mayor.
- (k) A city attorney.
- (l) A police chief or sheriff.
- (m) A public safety official.
- (n) A state administrative law judge.
- (o) A federal judge or federal defender.
- (p) A member of the United States Congress or appointee of the President of the United States.

(Added by Stats. 2021, Ch. 614, Sec. 2. (AB 473) Effective January 1, 2022. Operative January 1, 2023, pursuant to Sec. 7931.000.)

Government Section 7920.535. As used in this division, "public safety official" means the following parties, whether active or retired:

- (a) A peace officer as defined in Sections 830 to 830.65, inclusive, of the Penal Code, or a person who is not a peace officer, but may exercise the powers of arrest during the course and within the scope of the person's employment pursuant to Section 830.7 of the Penal Code.
- (b) A public officer or other person listed in Section 1808.2 or 1808.6 of the Vehicle Code.
- (c) An "elected or appointed official" as defined in Section 7920.500.
- (d) An attorney employed by the Department of Justice, the State Public Defender, or a county office of the district attorney or public defender, the United States Attorney, or the Federal Public Defender.

(e) A city attorney and an attorney who represents cities in criminal matters.

(f) An employee of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation who supervises inmates or is required to have care or custody of a prisoner.

(g) A sworn or nonsworn employee who supervises inmates in a city police department, a county sheriff's office, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, federal, state, or a local detention facility, or a local juvenile hall, camp, ranch, or home, and a probation officer as defined in Section 830.5 of the Penal Code.

(h) A federal prosecutor, a federal criminal investigator, and a National Park Service Ranger working in California.

(i) The surviving spouse or child of a peace officer defined in Section 830 of the Penal Code, if the peace officer died in the line of duty.

(j) State and federal judges and court commissioners.

(k) An employee of the Attorney General, a district attorney, or a public defender who submits verification from the Attorney General, district attorney, or public defender that the employee represents the Attorney General, district attorney, or public defender in matters that routinely place that employee in personal contact with persons under investigation for, charged with, or convicted of, committing criminal acts.

(l) A nonsworn employee of the Department of Justice or a police department or sheriff's office that, in the course of employment, is responsible for collecting, documenting, and preserving physical evidence at crime scenes, testifying in court as an expert witness, and other technical duties, and a nonsworn employee that, in the course of employment, performs a variety of standardized and advanced laboratory procedures in the examination of physical crime evidence, determines their results, and provides expert testimony in court.

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