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TO COUNTY ASSESSORS:

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORD ACT HOME ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY

Operative January 1, 2025, [Assembly Bill 1785](#) (Stats. 2024, ch. 551) amends Government Code section [7928.205](#) and extends the state or local agency prohibition from publicly posting on the internet the home address and telephone number of any elected or appointed official to include both the name and assessor parcel number associated with the home address. This bill also defines "publicly post" to mean intentionally communicate or otherwise make available on the internet in an unrestricted and publicly available manner.

Included in the California Public Record Act (CPRA) are restrictions for government agencies on the internet posting of home addresses and telephone numbers for certain officials. This letter and [Letter To Assessors No. 2024/010](#) reiterate these restrictions and updates the code sections referenced in Letters To Assessors Nos. 99/22, 2002/085, [2005/081](#), 2006/048, [2010/050](#).

Previously, Government Code (GC) [section 7928.205](#) prohibited 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.

Amended GC section 7928.205(a) expands the provision to prohibit any state or local agency from publicly posting on the internet the home address or telephone number, or both the name and assessor parcel number associated with the home address of any elected or appointed official on the internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.

Additionally, section 7928.205(b) provides that "publicly post" means to intentionally communicate or otherwise make available the information described in subdivision (a) on the internet in an unrestricted and publicly available manner.

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

- A state constitutional officer.
- A Member of the Legislature.
- A judge or court commissioner.
- A district attorney.
- A public defender.
- A member of a city council.
- A member of a board of supervisors.
- An appointee of the Governor.

- An appointee of the Legislature.
- A mayor.
- A city attorney.
- A police chief or sheriff.
- A public safety official.
- A state administrative law judge.
- A federal judge or federal defender.
- A member of the United States Congress or appointee of the President of the United States.
- A judge of a federally recognized Indian tribe.

A "public safety official" is defined in Government Code section [7920.535](#) and means the following parties, whether active or retired:

- 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.
- A public officer or other person listed in Section 1808.2 or 1808.6 of the Vehicle Code.
- An "elected or appointed official" as defined in Section 7920.500.
- 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.
- A city attorney and an attorney who represents cities in criminal matters.
- An employee of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation who supervises inmates or is required to have care or custody of a prisoner.
- 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.
- A federal prosecutor, a federal criminal investigator, and a National Park Service Ranger working in California.
- 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.
- State and federal judges and court commissioners.
- 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.
- 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.

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.

A copy of amended GC section 7928.205, with changes noted in strikeout/italic format, is enclosed. If you have any questions regarding these provisions, please contact the County-Assessed Properties Division at 1-916-274-3350.

Sincerely,

/s/ David Yeung

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Enclosures

SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that accomplishes all of the following:

(a) Does not limit or prohibit the access to recorded documents, indices, and assessor data through electronic means by business entities, including title companies, title plants, credit reporting agencies, or lenders.

(b) Does not cause databases that currently provide the public with online access to recorded documents, indices, and assessor data to be taken offline or otherwise made unavailable to the public.

(c) Clarifies existing law and closes a loophole in obtaining an elected or appointed official's home addresses through the public posting of assessor parcel numbers associated with that home address, while continuing to allow the public to inspect and obtain copies of public records that are in the possession of a county recorder or assessor during business hours.

~~SECTION 1.~~ SEC. 2. Section 7928.205 of the Government Code is amended to read:

7928.205. (a) ~~No~~ Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 7922.545, no state or local agency shall publicly post the home address or telephone number address, telephone number, or both the name and assessor parcel number associated with the home address of any elected or appointed official on the internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.

(b) For purposes of this section,- "publicly post" means to intentionally communicate or otherwise make available the information described in subdivision (a) on the internet in an unrestricted and publicly available manner.

(c) This section does not prohibit a state or local agency from publicly posting a legally required notice or publication of an elected or appointed official on the internet.

~~SEC. 2.~~ SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that Section 1 of this act, which amends Section 7928.205 of the Government Code, imposes a limitation on the public's right of access to the meetings of public bodies or the writings of public officials and agencies within the meaning of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution. Pursuant to that constitutional provision, the Legislature makes the following findings to demonstrate the interest protected by this limitation and the need for protecting that interest:

It is necessary to protect the personal safety and privacy of public officials and their families by limiting access to assessor's parcel numbers in connection with the home address of those individuals.

~~SEC. 3.~~ SEC. 4. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school district under this act would result from a legislative mandate that is within the scope of paragraph (7) of subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Article I of the California Constitution.