

## Memorandum 2017-37

**California Public Records Act Clean-Up: Stakeholder Outreach**

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The Commission,<sup>1</sup> based on direction from the Legislature,<sup>2</sup> has recently commenced the study of a nonsubstantive clean-up of the California Public Records Act (“CPRA”)<sup>3</sup> and related provisions.

The Commission has previously directed the staff, when any new study is initiated, to provide the Commission with information about stakeholders who may be participating in the study:

When inviting stakeholder participation in a new study, the staff should provide Commissioners with a list of the groups and individuals that were invited to participate.<sup>4</sup>

In the staff memorandum introducing this study, the staff reported it had not yet begun building a mailing list for the study, as the Commission had not previously done work on this topic and therefore had no pre-existing mailing list to use as a base.<sup>5</sup>

The staff has since begun work on establishing a mailing list for the study, having invited approximately 65 entities and individuals to participate in the study.<sup>6</sup> **As always, anyone is welcome to participate in the Commission’s study, regardless of whether the staff has contacted them about participating.**

The list of invitees is attached as an exhibit to this memorandum. It includes a number of entities or representative organizations that typically make public records requests. This group includes newspaper and journalist organizations, as well as advocacy organizations with a special focus on transparency in

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1. Any California Law Revision Commission document referred to in this memorandum can be obtained from the Commission. Recent materials can be downloaded from the Commission’s website ([www.clrc.ca.gov](http://www.clrc.ca.gov)). Other materials can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s staff, through the website or otherwise.

The Commission welcomes written comments at any time during its study process. Any comments received will be a part of the public record and may be considered at a public meeting. However, comments that are received less than five business days prior to a Commission meeting may be presented without staff analysis.

2. See 2016 Cal. Stat. res. ch. 150 (ACR 148 (Chau)).

3. Gov’t Code §§ 6250- 6276.48.

4. See Minutes (Oct. 2014), p. 3.

5. See Memorandum 2017-5, pp. 12-13.

6. No invitee has as yet declined the staff’s invitation, but several have not yet responded.

government. It also includes some entities that deal primarily with consumer rights, tort reform, criminal justice, or firearm issues.

The list also includes many organizations that primarily receive public records requests. This group includes organizations representing California counties, cities, and special districts, public universities and colleges, as well as organizations representing school boards, public utilities, prosecutors, and public defenders.

The list also includes many entities that represent public employees, such as peace officers, correctional officers, public officials, prosecutors, defense attorneys, firefighters, and teachers.

In addition, the list includes entities that publicly expressed views on Proposition 42, a 2014 constitutional initiative on public access to local government records.

Finally, the list includes the Attorney General's office, a legal scholar who has been a Commission consultant in the past, and the two legislative committees likely to be assigned a bill that would implement a Commission recommendation in the study.

**The staff welcomes any suggestions of additional persons who should be invited to participate in this study.**

Respectfully submitted,

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## GROUPS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CPRA STUDY (AS OF 7/31/17)

ACLU of Northern California  
ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties  
ACLU of Southern California  
AFSCME California  
Assembly Committee on Local Government  
Association of California Water Agencies  
Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (California)  
California Association of Realtors  
California Association of Sanitation Agencies  
California Attorney General's Office  
California Attorneys for Criminal Justice  
California Business Roundtable  
California Clean Money Campaign  
California Common Cause  
California Community Colleges Chancellors Office  
California Correctional Peace Officers Association  
California District Attorneys Association  
California Public Defenders Association  
California Federation of Teachers  
California Labor Federation  
California Newspaper Publishers Association  
California Nurses Association  
California Peace Officers Association  
California Professional Firefighters  
California Rifle & Pistol Association  
California School Boards Association  
California Special Districts Association  
California State Association of Counties  
California State University  
California Taxpayers Association  
California Teachers Association  
Californians Aware  
CALPIRG  
Center for Investigative Reporting/Reveal  
City Clerks Association of California  
City College of San Francisco  
Civil Justice Association of California  
Community College League of California  
Consumer Attorneys of California  
Electronic Frontier Foundation  
First Amendment Coalition  
First Amendment Project  
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association  
Kern County Community College District  
Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence  
League of California Cities

League of Women Voters of California  
Los Angeles Community College District  
Los Angeles County School Trustees Association  
Los Rios Community College District  
McClatchy Newspapers, Inc.  
National Rifle Association  
Public Policy Institute of California  
Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press  
Riverside Community College District  
Rural County Representatives of California  
San Diego Community College District  
San Mateo County Community College District  
Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
Society of Professional Journalists  
State Building & Construction Trades Council  
State Center Community College District  
University of California  
Urban Counties of California