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RE: **Public Records Act Request**

Dear Mr. Alexander

The California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) received your request for documents on July 16, 2020. You requested copies of, "Documents upon which the State of California and/or the California Health and Human Services agency based its 'Shelter in Place', 'Face Covering', 'Cancel Mass Gathering' and 'Cancel Church (and/or Worship) Gatherings' orders during the corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic." You further indicated that your request encompassed a request for:

- Each set of data and/or correspondence, including electronic communications (including but not limited to scientific studies, peer reviews, medical studies, analysis, hospital data, public health studies, health care statistics, memorandum, letters, correspondence, directives, etc.) upon which the State of California and/or the CHHS based its decision to issue, renew, re-issue or modify any and all "Shelter in Place", "Face Covering", "Cancel Mass Gathering" and "Cancel Church (and/or Worship) Gatherings" orders from May 25, 2020 to the present date regarding the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Each set of data and/or correspondence, including electronic communication and in paper format, regarding each re-issuance, renewal or modification of any Order;
- Each set of data and/or correspondence, including electronic communication and in paper format (including but not limited to scientific studies, peer reviews, medical studies, analysis, hospital data, public health studies, health care statistics, memorandum, letters, correspondence, directives, etc.) upon which the State of California and/or the CHHS based its decision regarding any issuance, renewal, re-issuance or modification of any Order regarding the COVID-19 pandemic specifically regarding any public or private protests[] of any type or kind from May 25, 2020 to the present date regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- A copy of any and all requests for similar records under the California Public Records Act received by the CHHS and all responses thereto.

CHHS has determined that it possesses documents responsive to your request. CHHS anticipates providing you with all nonprivileged responsive records no later than August 14, 2020. Notwithstanding this determination, please be aware that some records, and portions of some records, may be exempt from production based upon applicable privileges.

Thank you for contacting CHHS with your request.

Sincerely,



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