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**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONTEREY — MONTEREY COURTHOUSE**

Center for American Liberty,
a Virginia Not for Profit corporation;

Petitioner and Plaintiff

vs.

Gonzales Unified School District;
and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive

Respondents and Defendants.

Case No.: 25CV006601
Judge:
Dept:

UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

**Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate;
Complaint for Declaratory &
Injunctive Relief**
[Gov. Code §§ 7921.000, et seq.]

Petitioner and Plaintiff Center for American Liberty, (“CAL”), alleges as follows:

1. In this action, CAL seeks to enforce its right to obtain public records pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code¹ section 7920.000² (“CPRA”) for several CPRA requests to Respondent.

FACTS

2. This matter is regarding Public Records Act requests contained in a letter from Petitioner to Respondent Gonzales Unified School District.

¹ All undesignated code references are to the Government Code.

² The legislature re-codified the Public Records Act from Government Code section 6250, et seq. to section 7921.000, et seq effective on January 1, 2023.

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

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2 3. On or about September 11, 2025 Petitioner issued a Public Records Act
3 (“CPRA”) request to the Respondent Gonzales Unified School District (“GUSD” or
4 “Respondent” or “agency”). A copy of CAL’s September 11, 2025 Public Records Act request is
5 attached hereto as Exhibit A. That request was for:

PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST I:

8 Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Govt. Code §§ 7920.000 – 7930.215, Center
9 for American Liberty (“Requestor”) respectfully requests to inspect all public records in the
possession or control of the District (“District”) for the following:

- 10 1. I request to have sent to my office the policy(s) and procedures adopted by the District
11 for compliance with the District’s obligations to maintain Pupil Records and disclose
12 same to parents / guardians as defined under Education Code sections 49061 & 49069.7
13 and under the Family Educational Right and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. section
14 1232g and 34 CFR Part 99. In addition, I request that the District disclose to my client
15 any policy(s) and procedures regarding or describing or handling “informal notes related
16 to an identifiable pupil compiled by a school officer or employee.” Education code
17 section 49061 (b). This specifically includes any document or documents that define
18 what the District considers to be or defines “informal notes” as described in Education
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21 denying “access” as defined by Education Code section 49061 (e)).
- 22 2. Also, my client requests to review / receive any policy(s) and procedures adopted by the
23 District for compliance with Assembly Bill 1266, the School Success and Opportunity
24 Act of 2013 and Education Code section 221.5.
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26 District for compliance with Assembly Bill 329, the California Healthy Youth Act of
27 2015 (California Education Code sections 51930–51939).
- 28 4. Any policy and procedures, and related communications about, whether or not adopted
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similar plans (such as Gender Transition Plan or Individual Transition Plan) for students
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5 one of these Plans / Agreements for each academic year from August 1, 2019 to the
6 present date.

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16 curriculum / teaching about the matters covered in items 1 through 6 above. This would
17 include any materials about any such guest speaker including, for example, his/her
18 Curriculum Vite, Resume, Biography, etc. and any invoice for services for that guest
19 speaker's presentation. Also, any communications between any employee and any guest
20 speaker, between employees about any such guest speaker and between any District
21 employees and/or any third parties about any such guest speaker. If any writing /
22 responsive records includes the name of any student, I ask that the District redact that
23 student's name and forward to me the document in redacted form. This request also
24 includes any responsive records kept in electronic form.

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26 invoices and evidences of payment, such as warrants, checks, ACH transactions, wire
27 transfers, etc., if any, between the District and the following organizations / entities /
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Trevor Project, Genders & Sexualities Alliance Network, LGBT National Hotline,
GLAD, Parker-Anderson Enrichment and GLSEN. Also for Health Connect, Gender
Spectrum, the Human Rights Campaign, Hazel Health, Care Solace, GSA Network,
Trans lifeline, TransYouth Family Allies, PFLAG Transgender Network, California
Coalition for Youth, California Valued Trust, Edventure More, Paper Wing Theater
A.C.T., West End, Elevo, EveryChild CA Asso. of Leaders, Soliant Health, LLC, Maxim
Healthcare Services Hold, Hijos Del Sol Arts Productions, Harmony At Home, School
Solutions, LLC, Valley Health Associates and CASEL.

9. Any correspondence, minutes, presentations, PowerPoint presentations and/or videos,
including electronic communication and in paper format, regarding any curriculum
and/or supplemental curriculum and/or instructional materials and/or teacher training

1 materials (and the actual curriculum / instructional materials / teacher training) in any
2 way regarding the District’s programs / curriculum and the supplemental curriculum
3 itself regarding Ruler and the Yale University Center for Emotional Intelligence,
4 Committee for Children, Second Step, Character Strong, Social Emotional Learning,
5 Ethnic Studies, Critical Race Theory, Curriculum Assoc., LLC, Ed Theory, LLC,
6 Lakeshore Learning Materials, ABA Network, Casa Pacifica, Diversity, Equity &
7 Inclusion (“DEI”), Intersectionality, Transgenderism, Sanford Harmony, structural
8 racism, and / or social justice and any Equity Committee.

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10 10. Any invoices, purchase orders, checks, warrants or any other form of payment by District
11 to any persons or organizations for curriculum, teacher training, public relations, parent
12 interactions, etc. regarding the topics described paragraphs 9 & 10. For this item, I wish
13 to make clear that we request a copy of any contracts, P.O.s, MOUs, etc. for any vendor
14 the District has purchased curriculum materials, teacher training materials or ancillary
15 materials from (such as a video or PowerPoint to use with the curriculum materials in the
16 classroom and/or teacher training). This is most important for any instance where the
17 District makes any claims of exemption / privilege to deny CAL access to any responsive
18 documents.

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20 trustees of the District internally and/or with any third parties regarding the
21 implementation of matters stated in requests numbers 1 through 10 above.
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23 communications by starting with the person(s) or Department(s) that were tasked with
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search efforts a distinct set of records rather than just a District wide search.

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30 12. Any and all documents, including any communications, regarding President Trump’s
31 Executive Order entitled Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling
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33 in-k-12-schooling/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/01/ending-radical-indoctrination-in-k-12-schooling/)) dated January 29, 2025.

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3 Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government
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dated January 20, 2025.

5 14. Any and all documents, including any communications, regarding President Trump’s
6 Executive Order entitled Keeping Men Out of Women’s Sports
7 (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/keeping-men-out-of-womens-sports/>) dated February 5, 2025.

8 The timeframe for items 12, 13 & 14 above is from January 1, 2025 to the present date.

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10 15. All documents, including communications, memorandums, MOUs, contracts, etc.,
11 regarding any requests or practices of the District to review Public Records Act requests
12 of third parties with any employee union or collective bargaining unit (“Union”), or its
13 state association, prior to, during and after the disclosure of records to the requesting third
14 party. This includes any communications between the District and any Union and any
15 person or entity (such as a law firm) on behalf of the District to any Union or its legal
16 counsel.

17 The timeframe for item 15 above is from January 1, 2019 to the present date.

18 16. All documents, including communications, memorandums, MOUs, contracts, e-mails,
19 etc. between the District and the Monterey County Office of Education regarding
20 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (“DEI”) (including from the program “All In For
21 Equity”), LGBTQ+ issues and Gender Transitions, Gender Support Plans, etc.

22 The timeframe for item 16 is from January 1, 2018 to the present date.

23 In addition, Petitioner’s September 11, 2025 requested:

24 **PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST II:**

25 **FOR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT’S FINDINGS OF ITS**
26 **ALLOWED “DIRECT” COSTS PER GOVERNMENT**
27 **CODE SECTION 7922.530 (A)**

28 Since the Public Records Request Act allows the District to only charge its
“direct” costs for photocopying, please disclose documents that evidence
how (including backup costs information or studies **not** just the District’s
formal policy on photocopy charges) the District arrives at its “direct” cost
per page for photocopying charges. Please consider this request to be a
separate Public Records Act Request.

1 4. This request (Exhibit A) also included a request for responsive documents to be
2 delivered in electronic format if they were already stored in an electronic format. Govt. Code §
3 7922.570 and that private devices and accounts be searched for responsive documents pursuant
4 to *City of San Jose v. Superior Court (Smith)* (2017) 2 Cal. 5th 608.

5 5. In violation of Government Code section 7922.535, Respondent did not respond
6 to Petitioner's Public Records Act request letter (Exhibit A) within 10 days or at any time up to
7 the filing of this instant Petition.

8 6. On November 13, 2025 Petitioner issued, via certified return receipt, a letter as
9 follows:
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11 Dear Dr. Adame and Ms. Mendoza,

12 This letter is being sent on behalf of the Center for American Liberty.

13 Enclosed is a copy of my client's Public Records Act requests dated September 11, 2025.
14 To date we have not received any response to our PRA request letter.

15 Pursuant to Government Code section 7922.535 the District had ten days to acknowledge
16 receipt of the PRA requests and notify my office if the District has responsive documents.
17 That time frame has already passed.

18 If my office does not hear from the District by Noon, Monday, December 1, 2025, my
19 client will have no choice but to file a Petition for Writ of Mandate with the Superior
20 Court to enforce its rights.

21 Thank you in advance for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

22 Very truly yours,

23 Craig P. Alexander

24 A copy of Petitioner's counsel's letter of November 13, 2025 is attached hereto as
25 Exhibit B.
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27 7. A copy of the return receipt card for Exhibit B is attached as Exhibit C.
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1 extension only if one of four specified “unusual circumstances” exists. (§ 7922.535 (b) & (c).)

2 Responsive records must be disclosed “promptly.” (§ 7922.530)

3 21. A local agency has a duty to assist the requestor in formulating a focused and
4 effective request. (§ 7922.600)

5 22. Local agencies may not charge more than the agency’s “direct costs of
6 duplication” for copies of records. (§ 7922.530 (a)) Direct costs of duplication are limited to the
7 costs of making copies and do not include time spent searching for and reviewing records. (*North*
8 *County Parents Organization v. Dept. of Education* (1994) 23 Cal.App.4th 144, 147.)

9 23. An agency may not charge a requestor of responsive documents for the act of
10 searching for those documents or for review and redaction of any portion of a responsive
11 document where the agency is claiming it is subject to an exemption or privilege. *National*
12 *Lawyers Guild v. City of Hayward, et al* (2020) 9 Cal. 5th 488.

13 24. A local agency must, upon request, provide information in the electronic format it
14 is stored in (§ 7922.570).

15 25. A local agency must, upon request, provide a copy of any contract it has entered
16 into for goods or services. (§ 7928.801).

17 26. “Purpose of request for disclosure; effect. This division does not allow limitations
18 on the access to a public records based upon the purpose for which the request is being
19 requested, if the record is otherwise subject to disclosure.” (§ 7921.300)

20 27. Where the documents requested do not contain the substance of or excerpts from
21 “actual discussions or debate, or information showing how government policy was formed” and
22 nothing in the requested documents will impede future discussions and debate on policy, the
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1 deliberative process exemption does not apply to justify denial of records disclosure. *Caldecott v.*
2 *Superior Court* (2015) 243 Cal. app. 4th 212, 234-235.

3 28. Documents that are not predicational or deliberative but reflect the
4 implementation of policy are not subject to the deliberative process exemption. *American Civil*
5 *Liberties Union of Northern California v. Superior Court* (2011) 202 Cal. App. 4th 55, 76.
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7 29. When being applied to grant access to information, the CPRA must be interpreted
8 broadly, and when being applied to deny access to information, CPRA exemptions must be
9 interpreted narrowly (Cal. Const., art. I, § 3).

10 30. When public officials conduct the people's business on private devices and
11 accounts such as texting on privately owned cell phones or sending email using privately held
12 electronic mail accounts, these records are subject to disclosure under the CPRA as if they were
13 created on agency-owned devices. (*City of San Jose v. Superior Court (Smith)* (2017) 2 Cal. 5th
14 608.). At no time up to the filing of the original Petition, did Respondent include a statement that
15 it had searched or caused to be searched any employee and/or trustee private devices for
16 responsive public records.
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18 31. At the time of the filing of this Petition, it does not appear that Respondent is
19 claiming any privileges / exemptions to withhold partially or wholly as no advise of same was
20 made by Respondent to Petitioner. An agency opposing disclosure has the burden of proof that
21 an exemption / privilege applies. *Am. C.L. Union of N. California v. Superior Ct.*, (2011) 202
22 Cal. App. 4th 55, 67.
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25 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**
26 (Writ of Mandate — Gov. Code §§ 7923.000 – 7923.005)
27 Against all Respondents

28 32. Petitioner incorporates by reference all prior allegations and all prior paragraphs.

1 messages, or other documents responsive to Petitioner’s requests after more than the
2 maximum 10 days (plus any 14-day extension) allowed under Government Code §
3 6253(a);

4 c. Failure to disclose records and documents responsive to CAL’s CPRA requests at all;

5 d. Failure to disclose records and documents responsive to CAL’s CPRA requests that are
6 not properly subject to an exemption under the California Public Records Act;

7 e. Failure to disclose records that are in its possession and/or constructive possession; and /
8 or
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10 f. Failure to “promptly” disclose responsive public records as required by the CPRA.

11 39. There is an actual controversy with respect to these violations because on
12 information and belief, Respondents dispute the factual basis for the violation and/or whether the
13 actions described violate the CPRA.
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15 40. Declaratory relief is necessary to resolve these controversies and determine
16 whether Respondents have violated the CPRA as described above.
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18 41. The CPRA specifically authorizes declaratory relief.

19 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**
20 (Injunctive Relief — Gov. Code §§ 7923.000 – 7923.005)
21 Against all Respondents

22 42. Petitioner incorporates by reference all prior allegations and all prior paragraphs.

23 43. The CPRA specifically authorizes injunctive relief as a remedy for CPRA
24 violations.

25 44. Respondents have failed to respond with any documents responsive to the request
26 for records related to how Respondent determined the costs it can or will charge for providing
27 photocopies of responsive documents/information.
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1 51. That for any documents Respondent EUSD determines to withhold from
2 Petitioner (either partially via redactions or in its entirety) to prepare and submit to Petitioner a
3 privilege log containing the following information: the author of the document(s), the
4 recipient(s) of the document(s), the “cc” recipient(s) of the document, if any author and/or
5 recipient of a document is an attorney, the California State Bar number for that attorney, the date
6 of the document(s), the type of document (memorandum, letter, electronic mail, etc.), a brief
7 description of the document’s title and subject matter and the exemption / privilege claimed; and
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9 52. Issue a Peremptory and/or Alternative Writ of Mandate to order Respondents to
10 ensure that its Trustees and employees search their personal email accounts and electronic
11 devices for records responsive to Petitioner’s request;
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13 As to the Second Cause of Action:

14 53. Enter a declaratory judgment that Respondents violated the CPRA by:

- 15 a) Failing to search for and disclose responsive public records-that that Respondent
16 and its employees and officials possess in Respondent’s physical and electronic
17 files;
18 b) Failing to search for and disclose responsive public records that that Respondent’s
19 employees and officials possess in their personal files, email accounts, and
20 electronic devices;
21 c) Failure to make a written determination as to whether Respondent possesses
22 disclosable public records;
23 d) Failing to promptly disclose the records that are responsive to Petitioner’s CPRA
24 requests; and
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1 e) Failure to disclose records that are not properly subject to an exemption /
2 privilege under the California Public Records Act;
3 and order Respondent to comply with its duties to Petitioner under the CPRA.

4 As to the Third Cause of Action:

5 54. Issue an order compelling Respondents to search their private email accounts,
6 computers, and other electronic devices for public records that are responsive to Petitioner's
7 request and disclose same to Petitioner;

8 55. Issue an order compelling Respondent to search for and disclose to Petitioner all
9 responsive records not subject to any proper claim of exemption or privilege; and
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11 As to all Causes of Action:

12 56. Award Petitioner's attorneys' fees and costs reasonably incurred in this action;
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15 57. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.
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17 Dated: December 23, 2025

18 Respectfully submitted,
LAW OFFICE OF CRAIG P. ALEXANDER

19 By: *Craig P. Alexander*

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22 Attorneys for Petitioner and Plaintiff
23 Center for American Liberty, Inc.
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TABLE OF EXHIBITS

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EXHIBIT “A”

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SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL (MENDOZAE@GONZALES.K12.CA.US) ONLY

September 11, 2025

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Ms. Elizabeth Mendoza,
Executive Administrative Assistant
Gonzales Unified School District
600 Elko Street
P.O. Box G
Gonzales, CA 93926

RE: California Public Records Act Requests

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14. Any and all documents, including any communications, regarding President Trump's Executive Order entitled Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/02/keeping-men-out-of-womens-sports/>) dated February 5, 2025.

The timeframe for items 12, 13 & 14 above is from January 1, 2025 to the present date.

15. All documents, including communications, memorandums, MOUs, contracts, etc., regarding any requests or practices of the District to review Public Records Act requests of third parties with any employee union or collective bargaining unit ("Union"), or its state association, prior to, during and after the disclosure of records to the requesting third party. This includes any communications between the District and any Union and any person or entity (such as a law firm) on behalf of the District to any Union or its legal counsel.

The timeframe for item 15 above is from January 1, 2019 to the present date.

16. All documents, including communications, memorandums, MOUs, contracts, e-mails, etc. between the District and the Monterey County Office of Education regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (“DEI”) (including from the program “All In For Equity”), LGBTQ+ issues and Gender Transitions, Gender Support Plans, etc.

The timeframe for item 16 is from January 1, 2018 to the present date.

For all categories above, if any documents contain the names, home addresses, personal telephone numbers of specific students, we ask that you redact those names from the document(s) and forward the redacted document(s) to us. However, we expect the District will NOT redact the names of District staff or third parties (non-students) who may appear in responsive documents as that is not allowed under the PRA statute and case law. *Iloh v. Regents of Univ. of California*, (2023) 87 Cal. App. 5th 513, 527–28, reh'g denied (Feb. 6, 2023), review denied (Apr. 12, 2023) and *Commission on Peace Officer Standards & Training v. Superior Court* (2007) 42 Cal. 4th 278, 288. I note that my client’s requests do NOT include any employee personnel files.

Also, for all categories above, if a responsive document is on your web site, providing us with a working web link and a listing of the document (example: BP 0410) or the agenda number and page number of a board package is sufficient. If we have trouble accessing the page or document we will work with you about that.

These requests are for all writings and communications (including but not limited to, letters, electronic communications, e-mails, text messages, notes, memorandums, messages) whether or not those communications are stored in the District’s files and/or servers or on personal devices / accounts such as private electronic mail accounts or cellular telephones or cellular telephones issued by the District to any District personnel. *City of San Jose v. Superior Court (Smith)* (2017) 2 Cal. 5th 608.

We note that “A state or local agency may not allow another party to control the disclosure of information that is otherwise subject to disclosure pursuant to this division.” Government Code section 7921.005. *Register Division of Freedom Newspapers v. County of Orange* (1984) 158 Cal. App. 3d 893, 903 (settlement related documents, including settlement agreements, are subject to disclosure under the PRA. Assurances of confidentiality are not sufficient to transform a public record into a private one).

Also, contracts for goods or services entered into by an agency (here a school district) and a third party must be disclosed under the Public Records Act. Government Code section 7928.801.

PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST II:

**FOR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT’S FINDINGS OF ITS
ALLOWED “DIRECT” COSTS PER GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 7922.530 (A)**

Since the Public Records Request Act allows the District to only charge its “direct” costs for photocopying, please disclose documents that evidence how (including backup costs information or studies **not** just the District’s formal policy on photocopy charges) the District arrives at its “direct” cost per page for photocopying charges. Please consider this request to be a separate Public Records Act Request.

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT PURSUANT TO
GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7922.570 (A) & (B)**

My client is seeking these records in all electronic formats your office keeps them in. Under the Public Records Act, the District’s office is required to deliver the information in whatever electronic format it is in **no matter whether it is Excel, Word, WordPerfect or some other program or programs.** Government Code section 7922.570 (a) & (b). **My client’s request extends to receipt of this information in the electronic format your office maintains these records in.** Delivery of this information to me by electronic mail (craig@craigalexanderlaw.com) or via a thumb drive or via a disk is fine. I can supply the District with a thumb drive if needed. *Please advise what electronic format these records are kept in.*

In addition, if there are documents that satisfy this request that are in **both** electronic and paper formats, *my client offers to receive the electronic version of those records and forgo inspection and potential photocopying of those paper copies.* It is hoped that this will save the District and my client’s time, trouble and expense.

If you anticipate that data compilation, extraction, or programming will be required to satisfy a request (per Section 7922.575 (b) (2)), please provide a written estimate and justification for same.

In addition, on May 28, 2020 the California Supreme Court ruled that an agency may not charge a requestor of responsive documents for the act of searching for those documents or for review and redaction of any portion of a responsive document where the agency is claiming it is subject to an exemption or privilege. *National Lawyers Guild v. City of Hayward, et al* (2020) 9 Cal. 5th 488.

REQUEST FOR INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

For any records not delivered electronically, my client elects to inspect these non-electronic records. Once my client’s agent and/or I have had an opportunity to inspect these records, we will designate which documents we will wish to obtain copies from your office and its agents, employees, consultants, etc. I also note that under Government Code section 7922.530 (b) my client’s agent has the right to use their own equipment (usually a cell phone) to take photos of the responsive documents being inspected.

The California Public Records Act requires the District’s office to “reveal the general nature of the documents withheld,” and to “set forth the names and titles or positions of each person responsible for the denial.” Cal. Govt. Code Section 7922.540. I emphasize

my client's request for a specific response and all applicable exemptions to the request. A blanket list of exemptions that may or may not apply to the request coupled with a failure to indicate the existence of documents responsive to the request denies us the ability to evaluate whether the District has justifiably withheld responsive documents. Denying my client her opportunity frustrates the Legislature's primary purpose in enacting the California Public Records Act, which is to "maximize public access to agency records."

There is no question that your office is a public entity subject to the Public Records Act pursuant to Government Code section 7920.525 and it must comply with the Request as set forth under the Act.

Terms utilized that are defined by the California Public Records Act should be given their full meaning. Thus, for example, a request for any "writing" includes a request for "any handwriting, typewriting, printing, Photostating, photographing, photocopying, transmitting by electronic mail or facsimile, and every other means of recording upon any tangible thing any form of communication or representation, including letters, words, pictures, sounds, or symbols, or combinations thereof, and any record thereby created, regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored. Cal. Govt Code section 7920.545. In keeping with the provisions of the California Public Records Act, "writing" includes any preliminary drafts, notes or interagency or intra-agency memoranda" unless such draft items are "not retained...in the ordinary course of business" and "the public interest in withholding clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure."

Additionally, certain common terms should be given broad interpretation. For example, "relating to" means, in addition to the usual and customary meaning, depict or depicting, discuss or discussing, refer to or referring, reflect or reflecting, support or supporting, refute or refuting, address or addressing, evidence or evidencing, or record or recording.

For the purposes of this letter, a reference to an entity or body, such as the District's office includes all representatives of the entity or body.

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, IF NEEDED, PURSUANT
TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7922.600**

While my client believes its request is fully understandable, concise and specific for the District to search for, review and disclose responsive documents, if the District has any confusion over my client's requests, under Government Code section 7922.600 the District has a duty to communicate with us about the requests. Towards that end, I am available to discuss this matter with you by phone or e-mail (phone preferred). Thank you.

**THE DISTRICT'S RESPONSE TO
OUR REQUESTS ARE DUE WITHIN TEN DAYS**

In accordance with Section 7922.535, please contact me within ten (10) days of your receipt of this request and notify me whether this request seeks copies of dis-closable public records in the District's possession, and, if not, the reasons for such determination. We will wish to make an appointment with you to review the dis-closable records at your office.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Craig P. Alexander

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EXHIBIT ‘B’

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VIA US MAIL CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT

November 13, 2025

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Ms. Elizabeth Mendoza,
Executive Administrative Assistant
Gonzales Unified School District
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Gonzales, CA 93926

RE: California Public Records Act Requests

Dear Dr. Adame and Ms. Mendoza,

This letter is being sent on behalf of the Center for American Liberty.

Enclosed is a copy of my client's Public Records Act requests dated September 11, 2025. To date we have not received any response to our PRA request letter.

Pursuant to Government Code section 7922.535 the District had ten days to acknowledge receipt of the PRA requests and notify my office if the District has responsive documents. That time frame has already passed.

If my office does not hear from the District by **Noon, Monday, December 1, 2025**, my client will have no choice but to file a Petition for Writ of Mandate with the Superior Court to enforce its rights.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Craig P. Alexander

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EXHIBIT “C”

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

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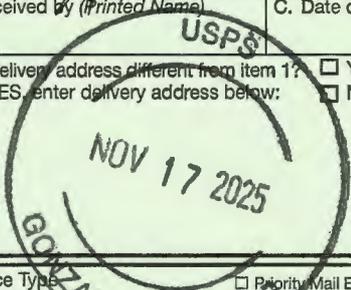
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