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Re: Public Records Act Request of August 18, 2020

Dear Ms. Castle:

This letter is our final response to your August 18, 2020 e-mail,¹ requesting copies of records pursuant to the California Public Records Act ("CPRA"), California Government Code sections 6250-6276.48.² Specifically, you requested the following:

"I request access to inspect/copies of a list of payouts from the County of Los Angeles totaling roughly \$55 million in settlements for cases in which Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies were alleged to belong to a gang or secret society. The report was prepared by Los Angeles County attorneys at the request of the Board of Supervisors, and lists eight specific deputy cliques."

On August 31, 2020, we extended the time to respond to your request by fourteen days due to the existence of unusual circumstances under Government Code section 6253(c). Specifically, the unusual circumstances included the need to consult other County departments having substantial interest in the request,

¹ Because you sent your request after business hours, at 7:35 p.m., the next business day, August 19, 2020, is considered the date of receipt of your request.

² All statutory references below are to the California Government Code unless otherwise specified.

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among others. Accordingly, we anticipated providing you with a determination on or before September 14, 2020.

On September 15 and October 15, 2020, we noted that the record review process associated with your request was still on-going, but delayed. We noted that because of the current unprecedented situation stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, the typical record search could not occur with regular pace. We also noted that Government Code section 6255 allowed an agency to withhold a record by demonstrating that, "the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record." Additional time was needed to respond to your request. Our office anticipated having further information regarding your request on or before November 16, 2020.

Please note that the record review process associated with your request is completed. Please see attached to this letter a record responsive to your request. Also, note that the County reserves its right to assert all applicable privileges/doctrines and exemptions.

Thank you for your understanding.

Very truly yours,

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Chronological List of Claims, Lawsuits, and Other Settlement Agreements
 Involving Allegations That A Sworn Member of LASD Was a Member of a Secret Society or Clique

	Date of Initial Incident	Case or Claim Name	"Alleged" Case Type	Location of Incident	Assignment of Deputies Involved at Time of Incident (Supervisorial District)	Alleged Name of Subgroup(s)	Actual Settlement Amount, Verdict Award, or Backpay Amount (includes claimant's/plaintiff's attorneys fees, costs and interest if applicable)	Verdict or Settlement	Case No.
1	early 1990s	Darren Thomas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Lynwood, CA	Lynwood Station (defunct, SD2)	Vikings	\$9,000,000.00	Post verdict settlement.	CV 90-05217
2	1991	Francisco Carrillo, Jr. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - civil rights, wrongful prosecution	Lynwood, CA	Lynwood Station (defunct, SD2)	Vikings	\$10,100,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	CV 11-10310
3	05/25/1994	Timothy Anderson, et al. v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.	Employment - slander	North Long Beach, CA	Century Station (SD2)	Vikings	\$0.00	Dismissed via MSJ.	BC094524
4	2001 and continuing	Angel Jaimes v. County of Los Angeles	Employment - harassment, discrimination, retaliation	Century Station	Century Station (SD2)	Regulators	\$1,145,446.82	Post verdict settlement.	BC331903
5	11/2003 to 07/2009	Mark Moffett v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Employment - harassment, discrimination, retaliation, negligence, assault and battery	Lakewood Station; Century Station; Compton Station	Century Station (SD2); Compton Station (SD2)	Vikings; Regulators	\$87,400.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC445403
6	06/29/2004 and continuing	Katherine Voyer v. County of Los Angeles	Employment - harassment, discrimination, retaliation	Century Station	Century Station (SD2)	Regulators	\$790,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC349347
7	2004 and continuing	Nicholas Rampone & Katherine Voyer v. County of Los Angeles	Employment - harassment, discrimination, retaliation	Century Station	Century Station (SD2)	Regulators	\$109,500.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC508686
8	2005 and continuing	Alexandro Villanueva v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al.	Employment - discrimination, retaliation	Headquarters	Headquarters (SD1)	Vikings	\$70,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC342416
9	05/1/2005 and continuing	Richard Robinson v. Los Angeles County Office of Public Safety, et al.	Employment - retaliation	n/a	n/a	Vikings	\$80,000.00	Pre trial settlement. Multiple lawsuits/appeals.	BC483454; BC462419; CV 06-02409; CV 08-05825; BC249814; CV 12-55225
10	04/17/2008	Velton Boone v. Lee Baca, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Men's Central Jail	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	3000 Boys	\$950.00	Pre trial settlement.	CV 10-03418
11	08/25/2008	Heriberto Rodriguez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Men's Central Jail	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	3000 Boys	\$7,080,452.40	Verdict.	CV 10-06342
12	01/18/2009	Bobby Willis v. Leroy Baca, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Men's Central Jail	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	3000 Boys	\$0.00	Verdict.	CV 10-06357

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13	03/30/2009	Helen Jones, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - in-custody death	Men's Central Jail	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	3000 Boys	\$2,000,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC431634
14	05/19/2009	Guadalupe Lopez v. County of Los Angeles	Employment - harassment, discrimination, retaliation	East Los Angeles Station	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	\$1,500,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC540387; BC588302
15	07/20/2009	Evans Tutt v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Men's Central Jail	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	3000 Boys	\$400,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	CV 11-06126
16	10/16/2009	Tyler Willis v. Deputy Vasquez, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Men's Central Jail	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	Regulators	\$1,141,408.39	Verdict.	CV 10-07390
17	10/18/2009	Michael Holguin v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Men's Central Jail	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	3000 Boys	\$475,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	CV 10-02011
18	2010 to 2/2012	Jason Lanska v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Civil Service - discharge	Operation Safe Streets Bureau Headquarters	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$103,480.92	CSC	CSC 13-090
19	2010 to 2/2012	Julio Martinez v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Civil Service - discharge	Operation Safe Streets Bureau Headquarters	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$0.00	CSC	CSC 13-126
20	2010 to 2/2012	Anthony Paez v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Civil Service - discharge	Operation Safe Streets Bureau Headquarters	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$390,430.90	CSC	CSC 13-126
21	2010 to 2/2012	Douglas Parkhurst v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Civil Service - discharge	Operation Safe Streets Bureau Headquarters	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$196,995.38	CSC	CSC 13-118
22	2010 to 2/2012	Ronnie Perez v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Civil Service - discharge	Operation Safe Streets Bureau Headquarters	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$163,236.20	CSC	CSC 13-127
23	2010 to 2/2012	Curtis Sykes v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Civil Service - discharge	Operation Safe Streets Bureau Headquarters	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$0.00	CSC	CSC 13-113
24	2010 to 2/2012	Steven Vargas v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Civil Service - discharge	Operation Safe Streets Bureau Headquarters	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$0.00	CSC	CSC 13-091
25	2010 to 2/2012	Jason Lanska, Douglas Parkhurst, and Ronnie Perez v. Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, et al.	Writ - Civil Service	Operation Safe Streets Bureau Headquarters	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$0.00	CSC	BS159343
26	2010 to 2/2012	Curtis Sykes v. Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, et al.	Writ - Civil Service	Operation Safe Streets Bureau Headquarters	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$0.00	CSC	BS159398
27	2010 to 2/2012	Steven Vargas v. Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission, et al.	Writ - Civil Service	Operation Safe Streets Bureau Headquarters	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$0.00	CSC	BS159339
28	12/10/2010	Chris Vasquez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Employment - assault and battery	Quiet Cannon Reception Facility, Montebello (off-duty holiday party)	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	3000 Boys	\$0.00	Dismissed via MSJ.	CV 11-03849
29	12/10/2010	Jason Snyder, et al. v. Paul Tanaka, et al.	Employment - retaliation	Quiet Cannon Reception Facility, Montebello (off-duty holiday party)	Men's Central Jail	3000 Boys	\$0.00	Pre trial settlement.	CV 13-02546
30	03/2011	Patrick Maxwell v. County of Los Angeles	Employment - discrimination, retaliation	Headquarters	Headquarters (SD1)	Vikings	\$140,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC497305

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31	03/25/2011	William Tillman v. Leroy Baca, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Men's Central Jail	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	3000 Boys	\$100,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC471749
32	4/4/2011 and continuing	Christopher Carpenter v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Civil Service - suspension	Whittier, CA	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$0.00	CSC	CSC 13-010
33	07/22/2011	Alex Rosas, et al v. Leroy Baca, et al	Law Enforcement - use of force	Men's Central Jail	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	2000 Boys; 3000 Boys	\$950,000.00	Settlement (including ongoing monitoring).	CV 12-00428
34	08/2011 to 2013	Michael Rathbun, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Employment - harassment, discrimination, retaliation	Headquarters	Headquarters (SD1)	Vikings; Regulators; 3000 Boys	Litigation ongoing	Litigation ongoing.	BC526951
35	08/2011 to 2013	Michael Rathbun, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Employment - harassment, discrimination, retaliation	Headquarters	Headquarters (SD1)	Vikings; Regulators; 3000 Boys	\$0.00	Dismissed; state court lawsuit still pending.	CV 13-02863
36	12/2011 and continuing	Rosa Gonzalez v. County of Los Angeles	Employment - harassment, discrimination, retaliation	East Los Angeles Station	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	\$1,000,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC591056
37	12/11/2011	Al-Quan Jackson v. Leroy Baca, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Men's Central Jail	Men's Central Jail (SD1)	2000 Boys; 3000 Boys	\$0.00	Dismissed via MSJ.	CV 12-10393
38	03/07/2012	Estate of Arturo Cabrales, et al. v. County of Los Angeles	Law Enforcement - use of force	Los Angeles, CA 90002	Century Station (SD2), Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$1,500,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	CV 13-01370
39	5/19/2012 and continuing	Christopher Carpenter v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Civil Service - discharge	Whittier, CA	Operation Safe Streets Bureau	Jump Out Boys	\$0.00	CSC	CSC 13-443
40	6/21/2012	Kenneth Rivera IV, et al, v. County of Los Angeles, et al	Law Enforcement - use of force	Lynwood, CA	Century Station (SD2)	Regulators	\$1,500,000.00	Settlement during trial.	CV 13-3806
41	10/18/2012	N.G. and L.G., minors, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Centinela Hospital Medical Center	South Los Angeles Station (SD2)	Grim Reapers	\$0.00	Verdict.	CV 13-08312
42	05/18/2013	Rodonna Laffitte, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	South Los Angeles, CA	Century Station (SD2)	Regulators	\$1,500,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC526786
43	12/17/2013 and continuing	Ronald Brock v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Employment - discrimination, retaliation	Century Regional Detention Facility	Century Regional Detention Facility (SD2)	2000 Boys; 3000 Boys	\$0.00	Pre trial settlement, waiver of costs.	BC572875
44	10/04/2014	Jose Hernandez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	South Los Angeles, CA	Century Station (SD2)	Regulators	\$2,000,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC588831
45	10/04/2014	Estate of Johnny Martinez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	South Los Angeles, CA	Century Station (SD2)	Regulators	\$2,500,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	BC579140

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46	01/15/2016	Sheldon Lockett, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Compton, CA	Compton Station (SD2)	Unnamed Compton Station Subgroup	Litigation ongoing	Litigation ongoing.	CV 18-05838
47	08/25/2016	Andrew Taylor, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Compton, CA	Compton Station (SD2)	Unnamed Compton Station Subgroup	\$7,000,000.00	Pre trial settlement.	TC028803
48	09/14/2016	Caren Mandoyan v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department	Civil Service - discharge	South Los Angeles Station	South Los Angeles Station (SD2)	Grim Reapers	\$0.00	CSC	CSC 16-276
49	2017 and continuing	Ariela Lemus	Claim - employment	East Los Angeles, CA	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	Claim process ongoing		19-2182
50	08/16/2017	K.L., a minor, et al. v. County Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Los Angeles, CA 90059	Century Station (SD2)	Spartans	\$1,025,000.00	Pre trial settlement. (Tentative)	CV 18-04910
51	11/02/2017	Estate of Ricardo Dimitri Cendejas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	Compton, CA	Compton Station (SD2); Special Enforcement Bureau	Unnamed Compton Station Subgroup; Spartans	\$825,000.00	Pre trial settlement. (Tentative)	CV 18-09560
52	08/12/2018	Lisa Vargas v. County of Los Angeles, et al.	Law Enforcement - use of force	East Los Angeles, CA	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	Litigation ongoing	Litigation ongoing.	CV 19-03279
53	09/29/2018	Louis Granado	Claim - employment	East Los Angeles, CA	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	Claim process ongoing		19-702
54	09/29/2018	Alfred Gonzalez	Claim - employment	East Los Angeles, CA	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	Claim process ongoing		19-703
55	09/29/2018	Oscar Escobedo	Claim - employment	East Los Angeles, CA	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	Claim process ongoing		19-704
56	09/29/2018	David Casas	Claim - employment	East Los Angeles, CA	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	Claim process ongoing		19-705
57	09/29/2018	Benjamin Zaredini	Claim - employment	East Los Angeles, CA	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	Claim process ongoing		19-706
58	09/29/2018	Art Hernandez	Claim - employment	East Los Angeles, CA	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	Claim process ongoing		19-707
59	09/29/2018	Mario Contreras	Claim - employment	East Los Angeles, CA	East Los Angeles Station (SD1)	Banditos	Claim process ongoing		19-708
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