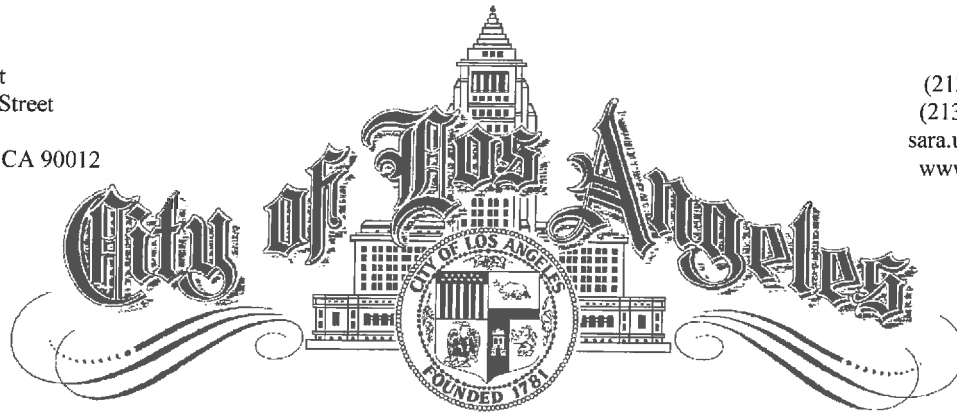


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**Re: *Stop LAPD Spying Coalition v. City of Los Angeles*, LASC Case Number
BS172216**

Dear Ms. Flynn:

I have carefully reviewed your follow-up letter of May 14, 2018, regarding your client's California Public Records Act request and respond as follows.

Request Number 1:

Your letter states that, "Rev. Budget worksheet-submitted to BJA 05-03-14(003)," was listed as a document produced by the LAPD, but the Department failed to include it in its March 14, 2018 production.

Please note that this document was listed in error as it does not exist. Instead, the Department's response should have identified "Rev. Budget worksheet-submitted to BJA 05-03-13(003)," as being included with its production.

Your letter further states that the following documents should have been included in the Department's production: (1) Grant Adjustment Notice 12/31/13 to 6/30/14; (2) Grant Adjustment Notice 10/01/2011 to 08/31/2012; (3) No cost extension explanations 10/01/2011 to 8/31/2012; (4) Grant Adjustment Notices 12/31/2015 to 3/31/2016; and (5) No cost extension explanations 12/31/2015 to 03/31/2016.

Please note that the first item is identified as "GAN Number 24" and is produced

herewith. The second item is identified as "GAN Numbers 12, 13, 14, 15, 16" and are produced herewith. The third item is identified as "GAN Number 16" and it is produced herewith. The fourth and fifth items do not exist.

Request Number 2:

Your letter states that the following documents were not included in the Department's production: (1) Any and all 4 week reports; (2) Any and all Quarterly reports; and (3) Any and all Semi-annual reports.

The Department produces the following documents herewith: (1) BJA Semi-Annual Progress Report for Reporting Period July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016; (2) August 2016 Community Survey Report; (3) BJA for Reporting Period October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016; (4) BJA for Reporting Period July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016; (5) BJA Semi-Annual Report for Reporting Period January 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017; (6) BJA for Reporting for January 1, 2017 to March 31, 2017; (7) BJA for Reporting Period April 1, 2017 to June 30, 2017; (8) BJA Semi-Annual Report for July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017; (9) BJA for Reporting Period July 1, 2017 to September 30, 2017; and (10) BJA for Reporting Period October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Please note that the Quarterly reports are attached to the semi-annual reports. Also, the grant was extended through June 2018, so the Final Report is not due until September 2018.

Request Number 3:

Your letter clarifies your request for Reports and Charts Written by LAPD's Smart Policing Initiative.

The Department produces the following documents herewith: (1) "Street-level Trends in Violent and Gun-Related Crime South Los Angeles, 2006 to 2015: A Trajectory Analysis," (2) "The Smart Policing Initiative in the LAPD: An Evaluation of Operation LASER," (3) "The Smart Policing Initiative in the LAPD: An Evaluation of Operation LASER+2016," and (4) "Operation LASER: Reducing Gun-Related Crime in Los Angeles, Preliminary Results of the Smart Policing Initiative."

Request Number 4:

Your letter requests that the Department confirm whether the following divisions are also using the LASER Program: (1) Van Nuys; (2) North Hollywood; (3) Topanga; (4) Air Support; (5) Metropolitan; (6) Mission; and (7) Community Relationships.

Please note that this request includes both geographic divisions (Van Nuys, North Hollywood, Topanga, and Mission) and specialized divisions (Air Support, Metropolitan, and Community Relationships). The Van Nuys, North Hollywood, and Topanga Divisions do not

have LASER Zones. The Mission Division does have a LASER Zone. The Air Support Division lends support to LASER Zones by conducting fly-overs of hot spot corridors. The Metropolitan Division lends support to LASER Zones by deploying its reserve force to hot spot corridors. The Community Relationship Division lends support to LASER Zones by doing events in hot spot corridors, such as town hall meetings.

Request Number 5:

Your letter requests that the Department confirm: (1) that there are no additional criteria used to select for whom a Chronic Offender Bulletin is created, and (2) whether the “rank order” criteria (see “Spotlight on Operation LASER.pdf”) is the same as “pre-determined” criteria?

The Department confirms that the list of criteria set forth in its March 9, 2018, letter represent the only criteria used to select chronic offenders. The Department also confirms that “rank order” criteria is synonymous with “pre-determined criteria.”

Request Number 7:

Your letter requests that the Department confirm whether it is using Palantir as the primary source of information to identify and select individuals for placement on a Chronic Offender Bulletin.

According to the Department, Palantir is not the primary source of information used to identify and select individuals for placement on a Chronic Offender Bulletin. Rather, Palantir is a secondary source of information. The first source of information is Field Interview cards.

Request Number 8:

Your letter clarifies that your request seeks documents regarding which teams, departments, divisions, projects, etc. of the LAPD, including Community Safety Partnership, collaborate with LASER and/or any hotspot policing practices. Your letter also states that “[i]n lieu of documents, a list will suffice to satisfy this request.”

The Department responds that it collaborates with various entities in various ways to implement the LASER Program. The following is a non-exhaustive list of examples of such collaboration:

- If a liquor store was becoming a magnet for crime in a LASER Zone, then the Department could request that the **California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control** suspend or revoke its license to sell alcoholic beverages.
- If a corridor adjacent to the freeway was a crime hotspot, then the Department could work with the **California Highway Patrol** to conduct extra patrols in that area.

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- The Department could also work with the **Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program** of the City Attorney's Office and/or the **Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety** to address abandoned, unsecured, or dangerous buildings that have become hotspots for crime, include narcotics sales and use.
- If gang members and associates were committing crimes inside a LASER Zone, the Department could deploy **Gang and Narcotics Division** officers to the area.
- The Department could collaborate with a **Neighborhood Council** to set up a town hall meeting to speak with the community about crime patterns.
- The Department could collaborate with the City's **Bureau of Street Lighting** to install high-intensity lighting in dark public areas that have become hotspots for crime.

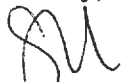
Request Number 9:

In response to the Department's contention that responsive records were exempt from disclosure, your letter claimed that the Department had already disclosed at least two un-redacted Chronic Offender Bulletins and, therefore, had waived any exemptions to disclosure. Your letter claimed that according to an *In Justice Today* article, one bulletin was online and completely un-redacted, and that a professor was also given access to one or more bulletins. You also claimed there was no burden in producing such records because the bulletins were located in a database.

The Department is continuing its investigation and will respond to this request shortly.

As you requested, I have enclosed a disc with the documents referenced herein. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 978-2283. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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