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Dear Mr. Khan,

This letter is in response to your May 17, 2021 correspondence to Chief Michel Moore regarding a California Public Records Act (CPRA) request referenced as NR 20-5033 and also addresses messages that you submitted via NextRequest on April 8, 2021 and March 31, 2021.

In addition to the concerns raised in the above referenced correspondence, you have frequently voiced frustrations with LAPD Discovery Section's CPRA Unit in public comment at the Board of Police Commissioners meetings. In response to your concerns, the CPRA Unit conducted a review of all your CPRA requests to ensure that they are being consistently and properly processed. LAPD has received twenty-six (26) requests from you since 2018. Many of these requests are quite detailed and complex and have necessitated that our most skilled and proficient analysts be assigned to them. Since 2018, we have provided you with approximately 647 responsive records totaling approximately 5,978 pages of documents in response to your requests. We are continuing to work on fourteen (14) open requests and will provide responsive records to you with all reasonable promptness in light of the circumstances.

Regarding your specific concerns about request number 20-5033, we evaluated the work progress for that request, as well as your follow up questions and stated objections, and respond as follows:

LAPD's search in response to your most updated request for all emails and communications to/from Jeff Brantingham resulted in 1,690 potentially responsive records. A short assessment was conducted on just ten of those emails, which totaled 32 pages. If the number of pages averages this number throughout, the 1,690 responsive records could result in at least 5,400 pages to be reviewed. This remains unduly burdensome and we respectfully request that you contact the assigned analyst to further narrow the scope of this request. The analyst can assist you in reframing your request to make it less burdensome. Despite your concerns that "LAPD has ignored your communications while... threatening to close the request" the CPRA Unit has been, and will continue to be, committed to providing you with as many responsive, nonexempt records as possible. This of course must be balanced with the Department's need to maintain unit operations and to provide equal service to other community members who submit over 3,000 CPRA requests annually. Therefore, if you need assistance in narrowing the scope of this request, please contact your assigned analyst or any CPRA supervisor.

Similarly, LAPD's search for records responsive to your most updated request for emails and communications to/from Craig Uchida resulted in 37,197 potentially responsive records, which we have determined remains an unduly burdensome component of your request and will not be processed by the CPRA Unit as it is currently framed. We understand that you may be aware of the burdensome nature of this request, given that you stated in your correspondence to Chief Moore that "we are not at this time pressing for the records concerning Craig Uchida."

You also inquired into the redactions applied to pages 84 through 87 of a 420-page PDF file that the Department released to you on February 3, 2021. We had applied redactions to this section of communications pursuant to the deliberative process exemption of Government Code Section 6255. After further review and consideration, we will release these previously-redacted portions to you in unredacted form.

If you have further questions please contact the Los Angeles Police Department, Risk Management, Legal Affairs Division, Discovery Section at (213) 847-3615.

Respectfully,

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