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My file: Santa Cruz-512

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I would like your assistance regarding violation of my civil right to obtain election records pursuant to California Constitution Article 1, Section 3(b).

On **December 18, 2024**, I requested non-exempt public election records. All of the records I requested were created during the election and must be retained for 22 months. California Voting System Standards, Section 2.1.5.1(n) requires that the electronic records be exported after the election. I should have received these records promptly after making my request. But instead I have had to contend with various problems:

- Sending the request to junk mail despite notice in the subject line that I was making a California Public Records Request
- Incorrectly stating that the request sent on December 18, 2024 was received February 5, 2025 and then later referring to the request as “the request dated February 14, 2025.
- Claiming a right to a 14-day extension without grounds for doing so when all of the record requested were created during the election and were in the County’s custody

and control.

- Citing numerous legal authorities that have no application whatever to my requests.
- Demanding unspecified payment for a “custom report” when I asked only for the records that by law must be created during the election and exported at the end of the election.
- Closing the file without releasing the electronic records after acknowledging that “The County did not locate any exempt records”.

*At no time did the Registrar of Voters assert any basis for claiming exemption to any of my requests.*

All electronic voting systems used in California generate the logs. These logs are created during the election and exported at the end of the election, as required by California Voting System Standard §2.1.5.1(n).

California Voting System Standard 2.1.5.1 also says:

“h. Voting systems **shall** store logs in a publicly documented log format, such as XML, or include a utility to export the logs into a publicly documented format for off-system viewing. . . .

All of the records I requested were created during the election. The cast vote records, audit logs, and system logs must be exported after the election. I have provided an upload site to transfer these records. Some counties have transferred them through Google Docs, or SoCoCloud. There are many other free web based record management programs used to transfer large files.

Under California law, a public agency cannot charge for redacting records, or transferring electronic records. An agency can charge of compiling new records from multiple sources, but none of my requests requires this.

Yoon Mi Cho

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