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Re: California Public Records Act (CPRA) Requests
Knoll Hill: Eastview Little League

Dear Mr. Gatlin:

This letter is in response to your California Public Records Act (CPRA) requests addressed to Port of Los Angeles for documents related to the “proposed construction of a ballpark for the exclusive or semi-exclusive use of the Eastview Little League on Knoll Hill”.

The Port of Los Angeles is cognizant of its responsibilities under the CPRA and recognizes that the statutory scheme was enacted to maximize citizen access to the workings of government. However, the CPRA does not mandate disclosure of all documents in the government’s possession. Instead, by providing specific exemptions to disclosure, the CPRA recognizes that the public’s right to access must be balanced against such important considerations as the right of privacy under the California Constitution and laws relating to privilege. Furthermore, the CPRA mandates disclosure of documents and does not require government to answer requests for information. Government Code section 6250 et seq.

This letter specifically addresses the following request:



Dated August 16, 2007 – “all documents in the Port’s possession that relate to the proposed construction of a ballpark for the exclusive or semi-exclusive use of the Eastview Little League on Knoll Hill.”

To the extent that this office has non-exempt records responsive to your request, we will make them available for inspection and copying. Some of the responsive records are exempt from production under Government Code sections 6254(a) and 6255.

Documents that are “preliminary drafts, notes, or interagency or intra-agency memoranda which are not retained by the public agency in the ordinary course of business” are exempt from production under Government Code section 6254(a).

Finally, Government Code section 6255 allows an agency to withhold any records when on facts of the particular case the public interest served by not disclosing the record clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record. In this instance, certain documents would reveal Councilmember Smith’s deliberative process, and section 6255 permits nondisclosure. *Time Mirror Co. v. Superior Court*, 53 Cal.3d 1325 (1991).

Total cost for the copying of this documents is \$3.37. Please make check payable to the **Port of Los Angeles** and remit to *Port of Los Angeles, Public Relations & Legislative Affairs, c/o Public Records Act, 425 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro, CA 90731.*

We consider your request completed. If you have any questions, please call me at
(310) 732-3424.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Executive Director
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