

August 1, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC EMAIL

The Officers of the Palomar Faculty Federation
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Re: Your Public Records Act Request Dated July 8, 2025, to the Palomar Community College District

Dear Officers of the Palomar Faculty Federation:

The purpose of this letter is to provide a response to your July 8, 2025, California Public Records Act ("PRA") request to the Palomar Community College District ("District"). As you know, the District extended the time period to respond to your request until August 1, 2025.

Your PRA Request

In your PRA request, you seek the following records:

The period of time covered by this request is 6 November 2024 through the response deadline of this request, 18 July 2025. The 6 November 2024 date is inclusive of elected Trustees who were not yet sworn in but were, at the time of their election, subject to the Brown Act.

We request access to the following public records regarding items related to the public business:

- *Communication among Trustees regarding the evaluation of Superintendent/President Rivera-Lacey that occurred outside of a properly agendized, closed and/or open session of the Board. Communication between any Trustee and/or Trustees and other individuals regarding the evaluation of Superintendent/President Rivera-Lacey that occurred outside of a properly agendized, closed and/or open session of the Board.*
- *Communication between any Trustee and/or Trustees and representatives from the Pacific Legal Foundation, including but not limited to Andrew Quinio, on, but not restricted to, the topics of Proposition 209, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, Antiracism, DEI, DEIA, DEIAA, Student Equity, Hiring Policies, the Governing Board Self-Evaluation Instrument, Governing Board Goals, Palomar College Budget, and Palomar College Board Policies and Administrative Policies (including, but not limited to, topics such as Committees of the Governing Board, Code of Ethics, Communications Among Governing Board Members, Institutional Planning, Public Records, Antiracism, Student Trustee, Regular Meetings of the Governing Board, Delegation of Authority to the Superintendent/President, Legal Opinions, etc.).*
- *Communication between any Trustee and/or Trustees and Frank Xu on, but not restricted to, the topics of Proposition 209, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, Antiracism, DEI, DEIA, DEIAA, Student Equity, Hiring Policies, the Governing Board Self-Evaluation Instrument, Governing Board Goals, Palomar College Budget, and Palomar College Board Policies and Administrative Policies (including, but not limited to, topics such as Committees of the Governing Board, Code of Ethics, Communications Among Governing Board Members, Institutional Planning, Public Records, Antiracism, Student Trustee, Regular Meetings of the Governing Board, Delegation of Authority to the Superintendent/President, Legal Opinions, etc.).*

- *Communication among Trustees regarding Proposition 209, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility, Antiracism, DEI, DEIA, DEIAA, Student Equity, Hiring Policies, the Governing Board Self-Evaluation Instrument, Governing Board Goals, Palomar College Budget, and Palomar College Board Policies and Administrative Policies (including, but not limited to, topics such as Committees of the Governing Board, Code of Ethics, Communications Among Governing Board Members, Institutional Planning, Public Records, Antiracism, Student Trustee, Regular Meetings of the Governing Board, Delegation of Authority to the Superintendent/President, Legal Opinions, etc.).*
- *Communication among Trustees regarding Palomar College curriculum, curriculum approval processes, Faculty Senate, the 10+1+1, and Faculty Senate advice and consent on curricular matters.*
- *Communication between any Trustee and/or Trustees and other individuals regarding Palomar College curriculum, curriculum approval processes, Faculty Senate, the 10+1+1, and Faculty Senate advice and consent on curricular matters.*

District Response To Your PRA Request

The District has determined that public records exist in response to your request. We are providing concurrently herewith an electronic file with all responsive public records that exist in response to your request.

With respect to text message records, to avoid duplication, we have included only one participant's copy of each text message conversation, since the content of the other versions is identical. As a courtesy and for clarity, we have labeled these messages with the participants' names and the dates they were sent.

Finally, please be advised that the PRA exempts certain categories of records, some of which apply directly to your request. (Government Code §§ 7920.000 et seq.) To the extent that any responsive records fall within any of the categories covered by one or more of the exemptions to the PRA as defined by the California Government Code or interpreting case law, the District will not produce those records. These exemptions include, but are not limited, to the attorney work-product doctrine, attorney/client privilege, the privilege applicable to confidential closed session information, confidential personnel matters, and records that contain the personally identifiable information of students under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures