

# California Legislature Joint Committee on Rules

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Re: Legislative Open Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Cowan:


This letter is in response to your correspondence dated August 24, 2020, in which you request records in the possession of the Joint Rules Committee pursuant to the Legislative Open Records Act. (Gov. Code, § 9070 et seq.) Specifically, you have requested a copy of the following records:

- “1. The [CSHQA] analysis of their five identified options for the Capitol Annex that led to their written recommendation for removing and replacing the existing Annex?”
2. The full [CSHQA] program of space requirements for the Annex Project Element and for the Parking Garage Project Element
3. The full Request for Proposals and addenda for the Architect Contract for the Annex and Parking Garage project elements.”

Enclosed are records responsive to item 3 of your request. However, the Legislative Open Records Act provides for a number of exemptions by which certain legislative records are not subject to mandatory disclosure, including “[p]reliminary drafts, notes, or legislative memoranda”; “[r]ecords the disclosure of which is exempted or prohibited pursuant to provisions of federal or state law,” which would include the legislative privilege; and any records for which “the public interest served by not making the record public clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosure of the record.” (Gov. Code, §§ 9074, 9075 (a) and (i).) Any responsive records that fall within the scope of one or more of the foregoing exemptions will not be produced.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra Gravert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

DEBRA GRAVERT  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Joint Rules Committee

Enclosures

cc: Assemblymember Ken Cooley