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Re: Public Records Act Guidelines

Chair and Members of the Board:

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 11, 2014, the Chair asked County Counsel to make a brief presentation on the California Public Records Act ("Act"), Government Code section 6252 et seq., for the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting on March 18, 2014. As part of our presentation, we are distributing the attached outline which summarizes some of the key provisions of the Act that we believe the public will find of interest.

The attachment is not intended to be a summary of all the provisions of the Act nor an exhaustive treatise of the case law on key provisions and exemptions. Exemptions are not only detailed in the Act itself but may be contained in other statutes (See e.g. Government Code section 6275 et seq.). The balancing of disclosure against a fundamental yet competing interest of protection of individual privacy, for instance, is complex and has been the subject of extensive case law.

We will be available to address any questions that the Board may have at the presentation.

Sincerely,

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