

Steinmann, James

From: Steinmann, James
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 2:26 PM
To: Riordan, Maureen (CRT)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Request for Unredacted Orange County Voter Registration Records

Dear Ms. Riordan,

We would like to confirm that you received and were able to open the Registrar of Voters' responsive records.

Thanks for your explanation that the matter revolves around Orange County's compliance with HAVA. We provided records demonstrating such compliance, though the identifying numbers were redacted as required by California law. You stated that the USDOJ requires unredacted driver's license, social security, and voter ID numbers to be able to confirm such compliance. To avoid a lawsuit, would the USDOJ consider another mechanism to enable the County to provide the USDOJ with this sensitive information? For example, would the USDOJ be amenable to entering into a confidentiality agreement that would enable us to provide records with assurances that such sensitive personal identifiers will remain confidential and be used for governmental purposes only?

If that is a possible avenue to resolving the matter, we may be able to work out the details in a way that suits the needs of all parties.

Thanks,

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From: Riordan, Maureen (CRT) <Maureen.Riordan2@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Saturday, June 21, 2025 3:33 PM
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Request for Unredacted Orange County Voter Registration Records

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Mr. Steinmann, just want to let you know that it isn't that I have not had an opportunity to review the documents. We have checked all the emails and we never received them.

Thank you, enjoy the rest of your weekend and we can speak Monday.

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