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Via Email Only

Dear FOIA Officers:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552).

On August 14, as Governor Newsom and other California elected leaders announced the Election Rigging Response Act to counter President Trump's attempt to rig the mid-term elections, dozens of armed and masked U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) agents descended upon the Japanese American National Museum in Downtown Los Angeles. This attempt to intimidate the people of California from defending a fair electoral process was a grotesque use of federal government resources for political grandstanding.

CBP nonetheless has made the incredible claim that the timing of their senseless operation was a mere coincidence. Accordingly, I request all documents and records, including but not limited to text messages, Microsoft Teams messages, phone logs, risk assessments, and memoranda, related to the August 14th CBP operation in Downtown Los Angeles. This request includes records related to the administration's communications with Fox News to embed a reporter and camera crew with the group of federal agents, as well as any records referencing Governor Newsom or the rally that

was scheduled to occur at the time and location where CBP decided to conduct its operation.

If this request is denied in whole or part, please justify all such denials by reference to specific exemptions, and provide an explanation of why the Department "reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest" protected by that exemption or why "disclosure is prohibited by law[.]" 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(8). Please also ensure that all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material are released.

Please make a determination within 20 days, by September 8, 2025, as required by law, and promptly provide the requested information in electronic format to govlegalunit@gov.ca.gov. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact my legal office at the email address above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Sapp", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Sapp
Legal Affairs Secretary
Office of Governor Gavin Newsom