

VICE-CHAIR  
PATRICIA C. BATES

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE  
ERIKA CONTRERAS

MEMBERS  
SHANNON GROVE  
SYDNEY K. KAMLAGER  
JOHN LAIRD



DEPUTY SECRETARIES  
SHEILA BRAVERMAN  
TONI BRENNER  
GAIL LANG  
JOHN NAM

COMMITTEE ASSISTANT  
CHINOOK SHIN

SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

TONI G. ATKINS

CHAIR

September 2, 2021

hello2urbangirls@protonmail.com

**RE: LEGISLATIVE OPEN RECORDS ACT REQUEST**

Dear Requester:

This letter responds to your correspondence dated August 4, 2021, in which you request records pursuant to the California Public Records Act and the federal Freedom of Information Act. The California Legislature is not subject to the California Public Records Act or the Freedom of Information Act. (See Gov. Code, § 6252(f); 5 U.S.C. § 551(1); *Davidson v. State of Ga.* (5th Cir. 1980) 622 F.2d 895, 897.) However, we have construed your request as one made pursuant to the Legislative Open Records Act. (Gov. Code, § 9070 et seq.) Specifically, you request:

1. “[A]ny and all communications from either former or current members of Sen. Steve Bradford[’s] staff (either Sacramento or District office) related to either abuse, discrimination, sexual harassment, and/or retaliation” from 2016 to the present.
2. “[D]etails related to all current vacancies in both his Sacramento and District office.”

With respect to the first item of your request, the Legislative Open Records Act provides for a number of exemptions by which certain legislative records are not subject to mandatory production under the act, including “[p]ersonnel, medical, or similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy”; “[c]orrespondence of and to individual Members of the Legislature and their staff”; “[r]ecords of complaints to or investigations conducted by, or records of security procedures of, the Legislature”; 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(c), (h), and (k).) Any responsive records for this item fall within the scope of one or more of the foregoing exemptions and will not be produced.

With respect to the second item of your request, information on vacancies in Senator Bradford’s office is available at the following website: <https://www.senate.ca.gov/senatejobs>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erika Contreras".

ERIKA CONTRERAS  
Secretary of the Senate