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**Sent Via Email Only:**  
Christine Grab

RE: Public Records Act Request; DOJ No. 2023-02847

Dear Christine Grab,

This letter is in response to your correspondence received by the California Department of Justice (Department) on November 17, 2023 requesting records under the Public Records Act (PRA). (Gov. Code, § 7920.000, et seq.) Specifically, you requested the following:

*Per California Government Code section 1450 - 1463 ([https://california.public.law/codes/ca\\_gov't\\_code\\_section\\_1450](https://california.public.law/codes/ca_gov't_code_section_1450)), bonds are required to be issued on every government employee. CGC 1455 says "all official bonds of state officers and employees not expressly prescribed by law shall be forwarded to the Department of General Services for recordation. Upon such recordation the Department of General Services shall forward the bonds to the Secretary of State where they shall be filed." CGC 1460 says: "Every officer with whom official bonds are filed shall carefully keep and preserve the bonds. He shall give certified copies thereof to any person demanding copies, upon being paid the same fees as are allowed by law for certified copies of papers in other cases."*

*I request a copy of alls bonds that have been issued for Deputy Attorney General Anna Barsegyan*

*I also request copies of all pages of the standard operating manuals utilized by the Department of Justice which address the policies, procedures and protocols surrounding bonds, including issuing, recording, filing, etc.*

*I have already contacted the DGS for bond records, who told me to contact the State Department. The State Department said that I*

*must obtain the copies of the bonds from the agency that the employee works under. Hence, I am contacting your office again (you may recall that I requested this information back in December 2022 and the DOJ fraudulently refused to provide the information on basis that California Government Code section 1450 - 1463 doesn't exist).*

*I have requested copies of the pages from the standard operating manuals because there seems to be a lot of confusion surrounding the bond issue, and I am hoping that the manual(s) can clear up this confusion.*

As you noted in your request, the Department received a PRA request from you on November 14, 2022. In that request and in the present request, you assert that "all attorneys are required to be bonded" and seek a copy of "bonds that have been issued for Deputy Attorney General Anna Barsegyan." But as noted in the Department's previous response, your assertion is based on erroneous conclusions about the law. Unless specifically provided, California law does not require a bond or insurance for the Department's attorneys who are acting within the scope of their employment. The statutes you reference above do not require the issuance of bonds but only direct what to do with bonds that are issued. Therefore, as noted in the Department's previous response, there are no records responsive to this request.

To the extent you are seeking "standard operating manuals" for the "policies, procedures and protocols surrounding bonds, including issuing, recording, filing, etc." we are interpreting this request as seeking the Department's procedures concerning employment bonds for its attorney employees. The Department does not possess a record responsive to this request. To the extent you are seeking records of the Department of General Services or some other "State Department," the Department can only respond on its own behalf.

Please note that the Department cannot provide legal advice or legal research to individuals. To the extent that you need further information about this topic, you may wish to consult an attorney.

This concludes the Department's response to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Attorney General

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