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August 14, 2023

Christine Grab

**RE: LEGISLATIVE OPEN RECORDS ACT REQUEST**

Dear Ms. Grab:

This letter responds to your correspondence, received by the Senate Rules Committee on or about July 18, 2023, requesting records under the California Public Records Act. The California State Senate is not subject to the California Public Records Act. (Gov. Code, § 7920.540(a).) However, we will construe your request as one made under the Legislative Open Records Act (Gov. Code, § 9070 et seq.), which is the public records act that applies to the Legislature. In relevant part, your correspondence states:

“My understanding is that all elected officials in the United States are required to take an Oath of Office prior to beginning service. I request a copy of Toni Atkins Oath of Office. My understanding is that every State of California employee must sign STD 689, Oath of Allegiance before beginning the duties of their employment (Government Code sections 1360, 1362-1369 and Section 3 of Article XX of the Constitution of California). I request a copy of the Oath of Allegiance for Jason Weiss.”

Enclosed are records responsive to your request, with redactions to preserve personal privacy. (Gov. Code, § 9075(c).)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erika Contreras".

ERIKA CONTRERAS  
Secretary of the Senate

Enclosures

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# OATH

FOR THE OFFICE OF Senator Teri Atkins


I, Jason Weiss, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR  
(OR AFFIRM) THAT I WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE  
CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AGAINST ALL  
ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC; THAT I WILL BEAR TRUE  
FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
UNITED STATES AND THE CONSTITUTION OF CALIFORNIA;  
THAT I TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY, WITHOUT ANY MENTAL  
RESERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION; AND THAT I WILL  
WELL AND FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES UPON WHICH  
I AM ABOUT TO ENTER.

  
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(EMPLOYEE)

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,

THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF December

A.D. 2016

  
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Deputy Legislative Counsel