

To Whom It May Concern:

For the office of the Public Records Advocate to have any credibility or impact, it is essential that it operate above the political fray. The office is designed with effectively zero administrative power, it is simply an investigative office and mediator. Its efficacy is entirely based on its neutrality and credibility in the eye of the public and legislators.

We have already seen how — without independence — trust in the office will be quickly undermined. We may as well have no Public Records Advocate at all if the alternative is to have one subject to covert pressure from politicians.

Please follow the overwhelming of the Public Records Advisory Council and adopt SB 1506 as written.

Sincerely yours,
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