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Sent via email (arecordsrequestor@protonmail.com)

Re: Petition to Supervisor of Records

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter responds to your petition to the Supervisor of Records received on February 19, 2020, concerning a request to the Department of Emergency Management ("DEM") dated January 4, 2020.

You complain that DEM did not provide the original files of some photos attached to WhatsApp messages. We understand that DEM subsequently produced the original photo files.

You also contend that DEM improperly redacted WhatsApp messages based on Government Code Section 6254.19. We understand that DEM subsequently produced to you modified redactions indicating the names of the individuals who sent the messages and other changes. We have reviewed the redactions and find that the content of the redacted texts constitutes information the disclosure of which "would reveal vulnerabilities to, or otherwise increase the potential for an attack on, an information technology system of a public agency." Gov't Code Sec. 6254.19. Thus, DEM properly applied the redactions.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bradley A. Russi".

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