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This letter is in further response to your two California Public Records Act requests dated January 1, 2019, for records available as the result of the implementation of Senate Bill 1421. Your requests, addressed to the Chief of Police and the Independent Police Auditor, were received in our Office on January 2, 2019.

Partial responses were provided to you on February 1, 2019, from the Office of the Independent Police Auditor.

The District is endeavoring to comply as swiftly as possible with the changes enacted by SB 1421 to Penal Code Section 832.7 while preserving the safety and privacy of those protected by the statute. The intent and letter of the amended Penal Code Section 832.7 requires that BART protect the safety and privacy rights of witnesses and complainants (through maintaining their anonymity) as well as personal data of officers, such as a home address, telephone number, and identities of family members. Additionally, the amended code section prohibits the District from providing confidential medical, financial, or other information protected by federal law. Because the District has received a large number of Public Records Act requests and is in the process of reviewing extensive records for prohibited disclosures, we are now providing an index of the files which we expect to release. We will release subsequent records as they become available. The District estimates that the next set of documents will be available by March 1, 2019.

We will notify you of the availability of the records and the cost associated with providing copies to you. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia K. Williams".

Patricia K. Williams
District Secretary

Attachment

cc: Legal Department
Police Department
Office of External Affairs