

February 1, 2018

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Speaker Rendon, Senator de León, Ms. Gravert, and Mr. Alvarez,

This is a request under the California Legislative Open Records Act (LORA).

THREE MONTHS: It has now been over three months since reports were published revealing multiple instances of sexual harassment and sexual assault by Assemblymembers and Senators.

TWO MONTHS: It has been over two months since Laurel Rosenhall of CalMatters submitted LORA requests on these issues.

ONE MONTH: It has been over one month since you committed to release records listing sexual harassment and sexual assault claims.

#TIMESUP: The undersigned members of the California Democratic Party (CDP) are no longer content to wait. Time is up. Your hesitation has delayed justice for survivors, kept predators hidden, and forced

us to engage in a process that may result in the CDP endorsement of compromised legislators. We are simply unwilling to go to the CDP convention on February 23 under this cloud, knowing that predators will be sharing space with us in the convention hall, conference rooms, bars and restaurants.

In her LORA request, Laurel Rosenhall reminded Senator de León of his belief that the Senate “is a sacred place of public service and it must also be a safe place for everyone who works here.” Speaker Rendon has stated that we “need to call out harassment and abuse by its name and stigmatize this behavior each and every single time we see it.” Now is the time to bring meaning to these words by releasing the following records:

1. All records describing allegations of sexual harassment or sexual assault against Assemblymembers, Senators or their staff, redacted to prevent identification of survivors, including, but not limited to, the complaint, the investigative report, settlement documents and related disciplinary records.
2. All records describing ongoing investigations of sexual harassment or sexual assault against Assemblymembers, Senators or their staff, redacted to prevent identification of survivors, including, but not limited to, the complaint, the investigative report, settlement documents and related disciplinary records.
3. All records describing substantiated (confirmed more likely than not) allegations of sexual harassment or sexual assault against Assemblymembers, Senators or their staff, redacted to prevent identification of survivors, including, but not limited to, the complaint, the investigative report, settlement documents and related disciplinary records.

We are aware that you have relied upon antiquated statutory exemptions to avoid producing documents that would implicate your colleagues. Please reconsider this tactic. Quoting Ms. Rosenhall in her previous LORA requests, “In responding to this request, the [Senate and] Assembly can choose to perpetuate a culture of secrecy or demonstrate a commitment to serving the public interest.” We trust you will now do the latter. #TimesUp #WeSaidEnough

Sincerely,

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