



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

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Beryl Lipton
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Dear Mr. Lipton:

This letter is in response to your request for records under the California Public Records Act dated February 20, 2019 and received by the Discovery Unit on February 26, 2019.

In your request you are seeking the following:

“Materials related to any and all engagement with Axon (formerly known as TASER International, Inc.). These materials could be related to weapons, record management, software, video and cameras, unmanned aircraft, or any other Axon offerings and products. This includes, but is not limited to, the following records:

- Marketing: marketing materials from Axon (or Taser) – unsolicited, requested, or otherwise – related to past, present, or future products that may or may not be in use by this agency
- Agreements: any and all contracts and agreements, including amendments and exhibitions, related to Axon, its services, and its products. Please note that this includes all agreements, memorandums of understanding, and written or verbal agreements between this agency and the company, regardless of whether or not any financial compensation or stipulation were/are involved. This also includes any nondisclosure agreements.

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- **Bidding:** Requests for Proposal (or similar calls for bids), licensing agreements, documentation of selection, sole source or limited source justification and approval documentation, and other memoranda and documentation.
- **Financial:** purchase orders, invoices, or any other financial records related to this agency's use of any Axon product or service.
- **Policies:** any policy directives, guidance documents, memoranda, training materials; or similar records governing the use of any Axon product or service that has been used or is in use by this agency
- **Company relations:** records related to meetings or follow-up actions with Axon or any entity operating on its behalf or as its representative
- **User guides:** materials related to the function of any service or product provided by Axon, including emails, handouts, PowerPoint presentations, advertisements, or specification documents.
- **Training:** training materials – either internal or external – governing the use of any Axon product or service
- **Data guidelines:** any materials or agreements guiding or regulating the use, sharing, or access to any related data collected by or provided by any Axon service or product”

Although the Sheriff's Department is obligated to respond within 10 days of receipt of the request, this time limit is subject to an extension of up to fourteen (14) days under the following circumstances as defined in *Government Code §6253(c)(1)*.

The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request, and the need to appropriately examine potentially voluminous amounts of records.

In addition, please note that we may redact or withhold records if there are any exempt matters impacting the privacy rights of individuals (*California Constitution, Article I, §1, and Government Code §6254(k) and 6255(a)*). Other exempt matters will include those protected by the attorney-client, official information and deliberative process privileges, pending litigation exemption, personnel exemption, or other matters otherwise protected from disclosure by law or where the particular facts and circumstances warrant nondisclosure of the information (*Government Code § 6254(b), (c), (k), and 6255(a)*).

Please be advised due to the existence of the above unusual circumstances, a further extension is required to ascertain if responsive documents are available. Upon determination of the responsive documents, time to appropriately examine such records and perform required redactions is necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Norman of the Discovery Unit at (323) 890-5000.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberly L. Unland".

Kimberly L. Unland, Captain
Risk Management Bureau