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Re: Public Records Act Request

Dear Ms. Bish:

I am responding to the Public Records Act request you hand-delivered to the Registrar of Voters on December 16, 2020. You requested a forensic copy of all hard drive, flash media used in the EMS system, as well as file level backup of the Democracy Suite elections management system, encryption keys, login credentials, and Results Tally and Reporting.

Your request for records is denied pursuant to California Government Code sections 6253.9(f), 6254.19 and 6255. No forensic copies exist and we are not required to create a copy in response to your request. The system is proprietary, confidential and trade secret. Furthermore, you are requesting full copies, both forensic and file level, of our Election system, along with security credentials and encryption keys. Meeting this request would provide full Administrator system level access to all parts of our Election Management system. This would compromise the security of our systems and call into question the use of the system for future elections. Thus, the public interest served in not disclosing the records clearly outweighs the public interest served by disclosing the records.

As to your request for results tally and reporting, all results are included in our statement of the vote:
<https://elections.saccounty.net/ElectionInformation/Documents/2020-Nov-General/N2020-Statement-of-the-Vote.pdf>

Sincerely,

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