

# Submit a California Public Records Act Request to Carmel USD

The Carmel Unified School District (CUSD) is committed to transparency and providing easy access to public records pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CPRA). The California Public Records Act gives the public the right to access records created and maintained by public agencies in the course of their normal business.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6252(e), a public record is defined as "any writing containing information relating to the conduct of the public's business prepared, owned, used, or retained by any state or local agency regardless of physical form or characteristics." Public records requests may be used to obtain "records," which include a wide variety of documents and other materials (including print, photographic, and electronic formats) that were created or obtained by the organization and are, at the time the request is filed, in the organization's possession and control.

Records subject to disclosure under the CPRA may include email or other communications from members of the public or which reference them. While the District reviews all responsive records to determine if this information should be disclosed, in many cases references to members of the public, or the content of their communications to the District are subject to disclosure. Permissible exemptions from disclosure include documents that invade an individual's right to privacy (e.g., privacy in certain personnel, medical, or student records) or hinder the government's need to perform its assigned functions in a reasonably efficient manner (e.g., maintaining confidentiality of investigative records, official information, records related to pending litigation, and preliminary notes or memoranda).

Name of requestor: \*

First and last name

Robert Kahn

Email of requestor: (Responses will be provided to this email address) \*

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Mailing address of requestor:

Carmel

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Your request: (To enable staff to respond to your request as efficiently as possible, please include: The date range for the records requested; the department that holds the records (if known); and the types of records, including any important keywords. Please do not include any confidential information.) \*

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Have a nice day.

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Best,

Robert

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On Aug 8, 2022, at 9:04 PM, Jessica Hull <jhull@carmelunified.org> wrote:

Mr. Kahn,

The California Public Records Act requests page in question is for CPRA requests and the responses to said requests. It is not a blog, nor a conversation forum of any kind. If requests for records are made through the form, that form is posted online and any responsive records, or requests for clarification, are then posted online as well. That is the extent of the CPRA process. It does not encompass additional records outside of the scope of the request itself.

As this concerns the proposed stadium lights project at CHS, as you are well aware, the District is in the process of revising the draft EIR for recirculation in response to timely comments received during the original public review period. Any comments on the revised draft EIR or proposed project before the revised draft EIR is circulated for public review and comment are premature and untimely.

At the appropriate time, the District will provide public notice of the availability of the revised draft EIR, at which time members of the public are encouraged to submit comments during the 45-day public review and comment period. Please be advised that, in order to be included as part of the administrative record and receive a response as part of the final EIR, comments must be received during the 45-day public comment period. Comments or other input received outside of this public review and comment period are untimely. Therefore, the District encourages you to submit any comments on the revised draft EIR and/or proposed project once the second round of public review commences to ensure informed and meaningful participation in the environmental review process.

Jessica Hull (she/her/hers)  
Chief Communications Officer  
Carmel Unified School District

On Mon, Aug 8, 2022 at 5:43 PM Robert Kahn wrote:

Thank you.

Everyone wants the best for the kids, we just wanna do this in a thoughtful and environmentally and community smart sensitive way.

Have a nice evening.

Robert

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( iPhone: Please excuse any typos or dictation errors that may be present. Thank you)

On Aug 8, 2022, at 5:34 PM, JoAnn Holbrook

Thank you Robert for your diligent, concise and much needed letters regarding CHS stadium light and more! I want you and CHS Staff and Board to know that we appreciate and agree with your communications.  
Mark and Jo Ann Holbrook

On Mon, Aug 8, 2022 at 5:24 PM Robert Kahn wrote:  
<https://www.carmelunified.org/Page/6026>

On Aug 8, 2022, at 4:57 PM, Robert Kahn wrote:

Mr. Knight and Ms. Hull

If you going to use your CPRAR page to do your PR, then you need to include all documents - especially the follow up ones suggesting that your lawyers, Ms. Johnson or Mr. Shannon have not provided the information requested. It's certainly nothing personal against them, as we realize they just following your orders and doing their work. However, If you are going to list your lawyer's responses, then you need to post the follow up highlighting the lack of actual information, but rather a lot of legalese. If you chose make the conversations public, which is great, but then you can't cherry pick what works for you and your colleagues. You either put all or none. You're working hard to frame the narrative to one of landowners vs the children, but you know that is not the case. The stadium lights as Mr. Knight and your other colleagues have presented is an environmental and community quality of life disaster that has an excellent solution via an environmentally sensitive sports complex at CMS. To suggest lighting up the sky with light pollution when there are excellent alternatives for the young people is irresponsible to the environment and the community.

Please put up the pictures of the pool lights as present to you and your colleagues. The pictures that were taken with Mr. Paul and Mr. Knight present and who I understand, said he could understand the residents concern at the time. Also, please put up my responses to your lawyers and any other responses from other members of the community. Please note that those documents are all in the public domain - so please follow through with consistency of information and provide all information. If you need the pictures that were taken when Mr. Knight and Mr. Paul were present, please check out SaveCarmel.org or let me know and I will be pleased to get them to you. Again, Mr. Knight and Mr. Paul should have files/digital copies. Fortunately, they are not NFT's. :-)

Again - if you are going post anything, then please post all - including the responses to your lawyers that live in San Diego and San Francisco. Ironically - that have limited feel for the issues that we are discussing, but I will leave that up to you and your team.

Please consider all correspondences with your lawyers by community members as public record.

If you, Mr. Knight and your colleague continue to use your "public access" to the information as a mechanism to frame the issues in a self serving and biased way, I presume we will unfortunately have to deal with your board's lack of integrity at communicating all the information in non biased way. Your past

and current colleagues already did that with the pool lights and performing arts center by not following the appropriate protocol of doing an EIR or seeking public comment. That was unfortunate and simply not nice. Again, very gracious and generous on behalf of the donors, but seriously poor form on behalf of the school superintendent and board - not to include adjacent and surrounding communities. Your positioning and use of your platform to provide what appears to be misleading information needs to stop now. Fortunately, the days of providing misleading and or incomplete information, in my view, is coming to a close.

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Robert

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