

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).

All requests will be posted to the District's CPRA webpage.

Name of requestor: *

First and last name

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

Mailing address of requestor:

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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.) *

Given this was not answered through my e-mail, Jessica Hull recommended a CPRA.

Hello Yvonne and Kendall,

During a School Board Meeting in June, you requested the approval of an independent contract service agreement with Dannis Woliver Kelley for legal services for FY 2022-23. The attachment indicates all contracts must be approved by the Board of Education.

- Regular Meeting | 06/08/2022 - 05:00 PM
- Prepared By: Kendall Perkins, Assistant to the Chief Business Official
- Approved for Submission to the Board: Yvonne Perez, Chief Business Official
- Recommended Motion: Approve the Independent Contractor Service Agreement with Dannis Woliver Kelley for legal services for Fiscal Year 2022-23.
- Financial Impact: General Fund: \$400,000.00

What is/was the status of this approval? Given the Superintendent is very clear on a media front that CPRA requests are wasting taxpayers dollars and diverting funds from students (which is inaccurate - CUSD is independently choosing to have their legal team review documents that should be free and readily available to the public), we'd like to know the exact details of payments to Dannis Woliver Kelly. What is the exact amount the Superintendent keeps referring to?

CPRA REQUEST:

- What were the payments to DWK for 2019-2021?
- What are the payments to DWK for YTD 2022?
- What are statements (Including costs) of work that the school board has approved for 2022-2023?

For the School Board Members,

- You appear to have continued confidence that the Superintendent is making sound fiscal decisions, so we should assume have approved all legal fees past and future for Dannis Woliver Kelley given the Board of Education must approve all contracts?
- We should assume you will continue to take responsibility for the legal expenses associated with the proposed stadium lights as you believe that is the best use of the school district's funds? Many community members feel these funds should be diverted back to educational priorities.
- We assume you are aware you are paying for DWK to "redact" CPRA requests that should be free and available to the public?

- We assume you are aware that MPUSD has recently lost a lawsuit, where the district tried to hide information from such requests: CASE No 20CV002707: May 2022 Motion for awarding Attorney fees and costs Under the California Public Records Act. Thus, any funds being spent on legal now to redact or not provide information will have the probability of being reversed and payment back to awarding legal team who filed suit.

The community is clearly signaling to the Board that we are questioning your judgement on the school district's prioritization of where to budgetary funds are being spent. It's your role to hold the Superintendent accountable. If you take the funds spent on EMC for EIR (\$300 MM) and add legal fees - you are close to \$1 MM and haven't even broken ground on any construction for the stadium lights.

I can also assure you as we read the RDEIR, the gaps are so significant and sloppy - it will be an ever ending black hole to try and pull any real facts together to pass the stadium lights and the increased scope of work that was just insert.

The community keeps pointing to the absence of emergency access routes which have not been present in any version of the EIRs.

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