



Release of Records Related to Recent Brea Police Department Interactions with Brea Olinda Unified School District Board Member Keri Kropke

The City of Brea has released records related to recent Brea Police Department interactions with Ms. Kropke. These records include all digital audio recordings and mobile audio/video system recordings on which Ms. Kropke appears. They also include e-mail communications and written reports related to the underlying incidents. Links to the records can be found [here](#).

The released records have been minimally redacted as necessary to maintain the confidentiality of security procedures, as well as the privacy of individuals who made a crime report or who were investigated but not arrested. A small amount of exempt material, including attorney-client privileged communications with the City Attorney's office, is not being released.

Many of these police department records are exempt from disclosure under the California Public Records Act and, ordinarily, they would be withheld in accordance with state law including Government Code Section 6254(f) and the California Supreme Court's decision in the case of *Haynie v. Superior Court* (26 Cal.4th 1061 (2001)). However, several factors make this a unique situation for which extraordinary transparency is appropriate. These factors include: ongoing social media discussion of the Brea Police Department's recent interactions with Ms. Kropke; the significant reputational interests of Brea Police Department officers and Ms. Kropke; and a request received on July 19, 2020 from Ms. Kropke, submitted by her attorney, that the City "make public any video or audio recordings ... and set the record straight."

The release of exempt records in this situation is not a precedent. In different circumstances, exempt records may be withheld to the extent permitted by law.