

Appeal PRA Request #P001078 - Letter for February 12, 2025 Rules Committee Meeting

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Attn Rules Committee,

Due to the heavy rain arriving Wednesday, we will not be able to attend the meeting to speak regarding our PRA detailed below, since we will be leaving tuesday for a week to help our elderly parents prepare for the heavy rain in LA.

Rather than postpone again, we prefer that you consider this letter as our current position on the matter of our public records request appeal(s).

We believe our rvs were towed early by sjpd on 11/13/2023 before the 7pm deadline to move them. The officer on scene would not allow miss davis to retrieve her or my belongings, nor would he wait till the 7pm deadline to tow, which would have given me enough time to arrive on scene and move the rvs and cars.

We tried to get the tows appealed and or reversed and were also unsuccessful working with sjpd, the dot, or the tow yard to get our belongings, nor were we given any information as to the exact time of the tows, although we believe it was approximately 2 hours early.

We filed PRA's and the city replied exactly 6 months later with a no, and now we know that this was a delay tactic to avoid any financial liability from a claim against the city.

And when i didn't renew my auto insurance on our rvs and cars that were towed, my longtime agent mentioned that i should file a claim and maybe they could reimburse us for some and or all of our losses. This would be great so we can purchase another rv, only one problem, the claims adjuster wants to see proof that the tows were early and she was denied entry to remove our belongings, and therefore not our fault before approving the claim.

All the while i keep getting no responses on our PRA requests, and no on our appeals etc.

But wouldn't it be great if the Rules Committee could see that this is just a simple PRA request from 2 longtime 30+ year san jose residents and the body and or dash cam footage doesn't involve a sjpd officer illegally arresting anyone, beating or tasering or shooting anyone; instead its just footage of our rvs and vehicles getting towed. Nor does it involve a complaint or IA investigation, or a lawsuit against the city of san jose; and thus you can simply approve our original PRA request so we can get reimbursed for our losses by our insurance company and move on with our lives???

All we were planning to do was to transition to the rvs full time and travel along the coast to LA to be near our aging parents. But that is not possible until we can buy another rv to travel in, and since we're both unemployed, that's not gonna happen unless we get our PRA request filled so we can finalize our insurance claim.

The only other option we see open to us at this time is to stay in our home city of san jose, where we still have friends and apply for food, financial, medical, and housing assistance; some of which we started applying for at the recent homeless fair you hosted at city hall 2 weeks ago, and then depend on san jose to provide for us for the next 20+ years.

But we would prefer our initial plan not involving sj support, and all we need is our PRA request to be fulfilled to finish our insurance claim and use the proceeds to buy another rv and we'll hit the road and send the Rules Committee a post card from somewhere along the coast of southern California:)

Sincerely,

- T. Mc innis
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