

Privacy Statement for Departmental Website

Los Angeles County and its departments and agencies operate websites on the Internet in order to provide services to the residents of the County. In providing these services, information about visitors to a website may be collected automatically or may be submitted by the website user. The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County recognizes the public's concern about privacy on the Internet. This privacy statement establishes how information gathered about you from your visit to our website will be used by this website's operators. As a visitor, however, you should be aware that much information submitted to Los Angeles County is public information under the laws of the State of California. Under some circumstances, we may be required to disclose such information in accordance with the California Public Records Act or other legal requirements.

I. Notice / Awareness

Information Collected Automatically about the Computer Which Browses or Downloads Information from this Website

We may collect and store information for statistical purposes. For example, we may count the number of visitors to the different sections of our site to help us make them more useful. The information collected may include such items as the name and domain of the host from which you access the Internet, the Internet Protocol (IP) address of the computer you are using or your browser software and operating system. This information does not identify you personally.

No Use of "Cookies"

We do not use "cookies" on this site.

A "cookie" is a small text file that a website can place on your computer's hard drive to collect information about your activities on the site. The cookie transmits this information back to the website's computer which, generally speaking, is the only computer that can read it. Most users do not know that "cookies" are being placed on their computers. If you want to know when this happens or to prevent it from happening, you can set your browser to warn you when a website attempts to place a "cookie" on your computer.

Personally Identifying Information Collected from E-mails or Web Forms

By sending us an e-mail (electronic mail message) or filling out a web form, you are sending us personal information (i.e., your name, address, e-mail address or other information). We store this information in order to respond to or process your request or otherwise resolve the subject matter of your submission.

Information Subject to Disclosure under the Public Records Act or Other Legal Requirements

Certain information that you provide to us is subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act or other legal requirements. This means that if it is specifically requested by a member of the public, we are required to provide the information to the person requesting it.

Website Links to Other Sites Not Covered by Our Privacy Policy

Our website contains links to information located on websites maintained by other public agencies and private organizations. Once you access an individual document that links

you to another website, you are subject to the privacy policy of the website containing that document.

II. Consent / Choice

Sharing Information with other Los Angeles County Departments or Agencies to Provide Services

We may share personally identifying information with other Los Angeles County Departments or Agencies in order to respond to your request. In some circumstances we also may be required by law to disclose information in accordance with the California Public Records Act or other legal requirements.

Consequences of Failing to Provide Personally Identifying Information

If you choose not to provide us with your name or other information, it may be impossible for us to refer, respond to, or investigate the issue you are concerned about.

III. Access / Participation

Getting Access to Information and Providing Corrections

If you want to get information about you that may be in our records, the California Public Records Act provides you certain rights to this information. Contact this department through the e-mail address / telephone number noted on our website and make a specific request for a copy of the information we have received online from you and have stored. If you find that this information is inaccurate or incomplete, you may provide us with verified accurate and complete information.

IV. Integrity / Security

Information Transmitted by User Is Not Secure from Interception

If you choose to send us an e-mail, you should know that e-mail is not necessarily secure against interception, and may be subject to the disclosure requirements of the Public Records Act or other legal disclosure requirements.

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