

Hi Sharon,

I wrote the piece below describing my experiences requesting public records from the A-C and identifying unequal access to public records based on political affiliation. You do great work and you have my permission to use this information in any way you see fit. You may also choose to ignore it, and that's your prerogative. I am posting this to social media, and just trying to share my experiences with as many people as possible. All cited evidence is either contained in the attached screenshots or on NextRequest.

Thank you,

Todd Rowe

(707)834-4705

Transparency, Accountability, Integrity not found

TL;DR: Karen Paz Dominguez is stonewalling and ignoring legitimate PRA requests, lying to County staff and citizen requestors, and giving unequal access to public records based on political affiliation.

Background, law, and policy

Elected officials and government employees conduct the public's business. They do so with authority derived from the public, with money and resources provided by the public, and for the benefit of the public. The records of how that public business is conducted do not belong to the individuals creating, sending, receiving, or maintaining those records; they belong to the public. Every elected official and government employee in Humboldt County understands that concept, and they understand that those records are open to public inspection under the Public Records Act (PRA). Humboldt County's PRA policy and training presentations were recently released in NextRequest under PRA 22-500, thanks to Sharon Wolff. (<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests/22-500>)

The Constitution of California (Article 1, §3(b)) provides that the people have the right of access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business, and, therefore, the meetings of public

bodies and the writings of public officials and agencies shall be open to public scrutiny. Government Code §6250 states that access to information concerning the conduct of the people's business is a fundamental and necessary right of every person in this state. Government Code §6252(e) provides that public records include 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, and regardless of the manner in which the record has been stored. Public records are "retained" by the County even when they are actually retained on an official's personal device or account. Government Code §6253(c) provides that the department must respond within 10 days of the receipt of a request for records, and it requires regular updates with reasons for extensions and expected dates for follow-up, not to exceed 14 days.

(https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=CONS&division=&title=&part=&chapter=&article=1)

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(https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=GOV§ionNum=6253.
) (<https://law.justia.com/cases/california/supreme-court/2017/s218066.html>)

Humboldt County policy provides that each department that receives a request for records must enter it into the County's PRA platform, NextRequest, and that all responses must be in writing through NextRequest. Some manner of response must be provided within 10 calendar days. County policy also acknowledges that under the law public records contained on personal devices or accounts are subject to the PRA and users are responsible for searching those personal devices or accounts if they use them to conduct County business. Finally, County policy dictates that for PRA requests that involve multiple departments, the County Administrative Office (CAO) is the point of contact – however, they do not pull records on their own; they contact the other departments to ask for the responsive records to be identified and provided. (See PRA 22-500)

Access to public records for friends and political allies

Before talking about third-parties, I want to be clear that I am not alleging any wrongdoing on their part. They have a right to request public records and they do not have an obligation to understand the law or the County's policies about releasing those records. Just as Dan Kelley doesn't have control over how Ms. Paz Dominguez mishandled his payments, these individuals don't have control over how Ms. Paz Dominguez mishandles public records. Indeed, they likely don't know the extent to which she is refusing to comply with the law and providing unequal access to public records. These individuals are not (as far as I know) participants in this misconduct, and I only bring up their names because their statements

reveal the manner in which Ms. Paz Dominguez is abusing the power of her office for personal and political gain.

While reading about my experiences with Ms. Paz Dominguez's lack of transparency, I ask the reader to remember and consider that she has a much different relationship with Thomas Edrington and Eric Kirk, both of whom have described an elected official who is an open book with the public records at her disposal. Mr. Edrington recounts meeting in Ms. Paz Dominguez's office for 5 hours on 03/10/22, until 1:00 AM, to review and discuss documents over deep fried Oreos. That meeting and those documents were related to PRA 22-194, filed 03/01/22, and dozens of documents were released in NextRequest by 03/15/22. At least a hundred more have been released under that PRA, many of which were printed directly from Ms. Paz Dominguez's Microsoft Outlook account. Based on the symbiotic nature of how Mr. Edrington requests records, Ms. Paz Dominguez releases selected records in her capacity as the Auditor-Controller, and then Ms. Paz Dominguez's campaign uses those records in support of her talking points, there is an appearance of coordination happening, but that's speculation. (See attached Facebook screenshots and PRA 22-194) (<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests/22-194>)

Mr. Kirk states openly that all he has to do is call and ask, and that Ms. Paz Dominguez provides him with records because he does not publicly criticize her. She directly emails Mr. Kirk selections of records to assist him in his public debates on her behalf. This practice is in violation of the County's policy on responding to requests for records, but more importantly it's unethical and politically motivated. As readers are likely aware, Mr. Kirk is Ms. Paz Dominguez's most vocal defendant on almost every public forum and comment section, and it substantially benefits her campaign to release records to him. Mr. Kirk does not have to wait weeks or months for public records to be reviewed and uploaded to NextRequest, because his friend and political ally, Ms. Paz Dominguez, will access those public records and promptly deliver to him whatever he needs to help him help her. (See attached Facebook screenshots)

I remind the reader that those public records do not belong to Ms. Paz Dominguez and they are not hers to withhold or distribute based on her preferences or her relationship to the requestors.

My experiences requesting public records

I have submitted more than a dozen PRA requests, listed below and recently made public in the interest of full disclosure. Some of these requests were fulfilled relatively timely by different County departments (see PRA 22-62, 22-350, 22-351). In general, I do believe that the County is too careful with

documents and a little heavy-handed with redactions, but I understand the interests they're trying to balance and there is a clear effort to comply with their legal obligations while fielding a lot of requests. I know that some may disagree with a rosy picture of the County, and I understand, but they aren't on trial here and I have no interest in defending them. I am only writing about my own experiences. Whatever deficiencies exist in another County department, it does not absolve Ms. Paz Dominguez's refusal to comply with the law, especially as she claims the mantle of transparency.

Every request (except 22-64) directed to or involving the Auditor-Controller's office has either been ignored or denied with a false explanation. Most of my requests, whether or not assigned to the Auditor-Controller's office, involve records that can and should be provided by the Auditor-Controller, but that office does not release records in response to my PRA requests (except 22-64). Remember the County policy – although NextRequest might list a CAO employee as the point of contact for a particular PRA, they are just the coordinator and their job is to ask the Auditor-Controller for responsive records. I believe the inordinate delays I am experiencing are being caused by the Auditor-Controller's refusal to cooperate, and I have requested records of the County's attempts to obtain responsive records for my previous PRA requests. (PRA 22-560) (<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests/22-560>)

PRA 22-348, filed 04/06/22, asked for correspondence about the SCO audit of the cost allocation plan. The CAO point of contact has been regularly updating me that the County is still searching for responsive records. The Auditor Controller's office, which should have many responsive records, if not all of them, has not released anything after two months. (<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests/22-348>)

PRA 22-349, filed 04/06/22, asked for documentation supporting the allegation that the Sheriff's department deposited cash from sources unknown. Ms. Paz Dominguez made this allegation in public three months ago, and I thought it would be fast and easy to produce this evidence. After submission it was assigned straight to Ms. Paz Dominguez, ostensibly because she's the only person in the County who knows what she was talking about when making that allegation. This request has been completely ignored for two months, with no updates. (<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests/22-349>)

PRA 22-428, filed 04/27/22, asked for emails between Ms. Paz Dominguez and Lisa Dugan. Given how easily Mr. Kirk was able to receive a selection of these emails, it should have been easy to at least forward me the same selection. Mr. Kirk even stated that Ms. Paz Dominguez had already dug through and found ALL emails between herself and Ms. Dugan. That's exactly what I am requesting, but Ms. Paz Dominguez is withholding those public records. (<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests/22-428>)

Understanding that Mr. Kirk has great success asking Ms. Paz Dominguez for records outside of NextRequest, and that he receives documents quickly by doing so, on 05/24/22 I emailed a request directly to the Auditor-Controller, asking for records of correspondence between that office and First Five Humboldt. This request remains unnumbered because so far it has been ignored. The Auditor-Controller has not responded to acknowledge receipt of the request and has not logged it into NextRequest after more than 10 days (as required under state law and County policy).

The following examples are the cases that I find most offensive. I was lied to, I've politely informed the County and the Auditor-Controller that the law is being broken, and Ms. Paz Dominguez continues to refuse to release these public records.

PRA 22-347 and PRA 22-532 are related. On 04/06/22 I submitted PRA 22-347, asking for records of work-related Facebook Messenger messages sent and received by Ms. Paz Dominguez. I thought that responding to this request would be fast and easy – one person is the custodian of all records I'm requesting. On 04/08/22 the Assistant Auditor-Controller closed my request, informing me that there are no such records. I responded to ask clarifying questions on 04/11 and 04/21, and politely informed the office that if the messages do exist I am likely to eventually find them. I tried to give Ms. Paz Dominguez the opportunity to come clean and avoid being put in a position where she has to explain being dishonest in responding to a PRA request. I never received a response to these inquiries. (<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests/22-347>)

On 05/25/22 I received records of a Facebook Messenger conversation between Ms. Paz Dominguez and the Humboldt Del Norte Film Commissioner through a PRA request submitted to the Film Commission (see attached screenshots). This conversation was initiated by Ms. Paz Dominguez and it did not appear out the ordinary as a method of communication. On the same day I contacted the County again to inform them and provide proof that I had in my possession those records, which unequivocally demonstrated that Ms. Paz Dominguez does conduct County business over Facebook Messenger and was dishonest about the existence of these messages. There are very likely more records, and Ms. Paz Dominguez remains the custodian of those public records, but she is refusing to release them or provide any explanation for withholding them. The CAO agreed to reopen the request under a new number (PRA 22-532) and resume efforts to locate responsive records, but I see no reason to hope they will be any more successful in compelling Ms. Paz Dominguez to comply with the law. (<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests/22-347>) (<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests/22-532>)

To cover the only reasonable explanation I can imagine, Ms. Paz Dominguez may have deleted these messages. However, such action would be destruction of public records and I can't believe the motivation would be anything other than to willfully conceal them from public scrutiny. At this point I do not rule out the possibility that Ms. Paz Dominguez has deleted some of these records after realizing that they are being requested. I am sympathetic that some of them may be embarrassing or politically damaging, but that is what transparency, accountability, and integrity look like. You can talk the talk, but you truly reveal your character when demonstrating those values is uncomfortable.

I submitted PRA 22-381 on 04/14/22, asking for all Ms. Paz Dominguez's work-related text messages, photographs, and videos taken with or stored on a county-issued or personal cell phone. After reading the 2018 investigation report, I saw that Ms. Paz Dominguez admitted to texting with Auditor-Controller staff (and taking pictures of County documents) using her personal phone, and she stated that such texts were always work-related. I thought it obvious that she continued to text with staff and would have a multitude of work-related text messages in her phone, all of which are public records. I also thought that these records would be easy to produce – if Ms. Paz Dominguez were willing to comply with the law. She has in her possession all records I'm requesting. I'm not unreasonable and I recognize that people buy new phones and usually dispose of old ones (though sometimes do keep the old ones), and that's a bridge we could have crossed if that's what happened, but I received no such explanation. I certainly would have accepted the records currently at Ms. Paz Dominguez's disposal in her active phone, depending on how comprehensive and forthright the released records appeared.

<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests/22-381>

The Assistant Auditor-Controller closed PRA 22-381 two days later on 04/16/22 (Saturday), informing me that there are no responsive records. This was obviously not true, and fortunately the CAO reopened the request on 04/20/22 and committed to searching for responsive records.

Within a few weeks, County employees reading this may remember that the CAO sent a County-wide email asking employees to search for and submit text messages between themselves and Ms. Paz Dominguez. I am sorry it got to that point, and I never expected they would have to go to such extremes, but please understand that the CAO was forced into that position because Ms. Paz Dominguez is completely stonewalling the request and refusing to release a single record. On 05/16/22 I began to receive a trickle of text messages that were submitted by the other parties to those messages. To date, Ms. Paz Dominguez has not released a single text message, despite piling evidence that they do exist. I appreciate the efforts of the CAO, but this approach will never fully satisfy the request. Some of the parties on the other sides of those text messages do not work for the County. Other parties may have worked for the County but do not anymore, or they may have ignored the County-wide email, or they may feel similar embarrassment or hesitation to disclose their conversations and refuse to comply, knowing that Ms. Paz Dominguez is doing the same. Unless I'm mistaken, none of the few records

released were submitted by Auditor-Controller staff members, who can reasonably be assumed to have the most common interactions with Ms. Paz Dominguez over text. In fact, that is pattern and practice she described in the 2018 investigation report – regularly texting with Auditor-Controller staff, and only about work. Ms. Paz Dominguez holds the public records I am requesting and she has the legal and ethical obligation to release them.

Conclusion

I never wanted to write something like this. I'm a private person, and I do not want to become a spectacle or a character in the saga of Humboldt County's drama. I understand the rage that will be directed toward me for telling my story. I just wanted to exercise my rights to research public records and find some truth. I never expected that Ms. Paz Dominguez would be so intransigent after paying so much lip service to transparency, accountability, and integrity. These are principles I hold dear, and despite her shortcomings in office I thought she would take seriously her obligation to be transparent and accountable even when it's uncomfortable, as all public servants understand they must do. I also never expected Ms. Paz Dominguez to so brazenly abuse the power of her office and its access to public records for political gain. I don't know what she is hiding by withholding public records and refusing to comply with the law, but the public is justified in wondering how damaging these records must be if she is going to such lengths to conceal them.

I don't really hope to sway votes – I imagine that most people have already completed their ballots, and I understand that supporters of Ms. Paz Dominguez are not open to persuasion, even when faced with severe misconduct. However, I feel like I'm out of options to convince Ms. Paz Dominguez to practice basic transparency, and the election is our rare opportunity to hold elected officials accountable. I don't want to pursue remedies through the courts, but I'll consider next steps if I must. Do not misconstrue my statements as personal attacks or harassment; they are observations of and objections to the professional conduct of an elected official who is violating the law and my rights as a citizen of California.

One more disclosure because I do believe in transparency – Mychal Evenson is an old friend of mine and I briefly managed his campaign until he dropped out in March. Since then I have acted only on my own behalf to research where my curiosity takes me. I do not work for Cheryl Dillingham, I have not donated to or volunteered for her campaign, and I only met her once at an event for a few minutes before she announced she was running. I have a yard sign and I wrote a letter to the editor. I work for the County in a position that has very close to zero interaction with the Auditor-Controller or the CAO, so I rely on

publicly available information. I don't have a professional or personal relationship with any of the Auditor-Controller's major critics (other than Mychal), and I'm not aware of any grand conspiracies.

I, like many other progressives I've spoken with, voted for Ms. Paz Dominguez in 2018 and have been sorely disappointed by her performance and behavior in office. I have a degree in political science and I have high expectations for how government should operate and respect its obligations to the People. You may believe that I have some sort of axe to grind, but that doesn't change the truth of what I wrote about my experiences (politely) demanding transparency from an elected official. Political opponents have rights, too.

Another transparency issue I'll write about soon is campaign finance. The short version of that story is that Ms. Paz Dominguez is still in violation of campaign finance law because she has failed to fully report contributions and expenditures for a time period *prior to Election Day*, and she never reported the disposition of a \$3,500 loan, which became due on 06/30/18. It is quite possible this violation is innocuous, but until the necessary reporting is completed we do not know what she is hiding. I have confirmed with the County Elections office that she is in violation of the law, there is an open FPPC investigation, and the relevant records are available on request at the County Elections office.

PRA list: (<https://humboldtgov.nextrequest.com/requests>)

22-560 (request for County's attempts to obtain responsive records from A-C) (06/02/22)

22-556 (politically-based exclusion from A-C payroll think tank) (06/01/22)

22-532 (new PRA for Facebook messages) (05/26/22)

22-347 (old PRA for Facebook messages) (04/06/22)

22-428 (emails between Ms. Paz Dominguez and Lisa Dugan) (04/27/22)

22-381 (Ms. Paz Dominguez's text messages) (04/14/22)

22-351 (2022 investigation report) (04/06/22)

22-350 (2018 investigation report) (04/06/22)

22-349 (documentation about HDSO allegation) (04/06/22)

22-348 (communications about the SCO audit of the cost allocation plan)

22-64 (documentation of employees' attempts to contact departments about payroll fraud) (01/19/22)

22-63 (number of vacant positions in the A-C office) (01/19/22)

22-62 (PH documentation of \$350,000 in lost revenue and increased costs) (01/18/22)

22-60 (current list of all vendors with invoices older than 30 days) (01/18/22)

Unnumbered request to A-C (correspondence with First Five Humboldt) (05/24/22)



Thomas K. Edrington

March 17 · 🌐



In case you hadn't heard, I just dropped a massive trove of documents in the media concerning Humboldt County's financial mismanagement and malfeasance. It's here:

<https://drive.google.com/.../1PsCASSYC1JI90fgD5ErKpZipE...>

These are the first 40 or so documents of PRA #22-194. If you're wondering why that's a Google Drive instead of a proper link to Humboldt's NextRequest system, where these records were delivered, it's because the CAO's office has listed them as "unpublished" on that site despite written and verbal requests to remove that status from my request. Why won't they comply? What didn't they want you to know? Buckle up kids, it's fucking story time.

Once upon a time, I did a lot of political things. I built up a certain set of skills and knowledge that amounted to a range of weaponry on the battlefield of ideas from siegebreaking artillery to a poisoned king's chalice. I put them away, because I didn't like the person they made me when I wielded them. I erased myself for a while from society, lived a while as a cannabis outlaw, and then retired to Humboldt County for peaceful, quiet life on a farm.

Life is what happens when you're making other plans. Eventually I was asked to dust off those old political tools in service of cannabis legalization. I did. I dug into this County's guts with a few other geniuses and we moved the needle 10 years in 6 months. I was given (and sometimes extracted) assurances that the County could and would act as good partners to my friends, colleagues, and honored elders willing to engage with them in good faith. When the job was done, I set aside the weapons once again and set about supporting my community and found family through the transition into a regulated cannabis market.

We've seen the history written before our eyes. Through incompetence and malfeasance the County has done irreparable damage to our cannabis farmers. They failed to honor their promises to me, to you, and to our neighbors. In doing so, they made all the work I had done a

documents made public. That chorus of chain squeaks was every sphincter in the room puckering and told me that they were going to throw everything they could at her to try to keep that information from coming out, especially since it's an election year and if they stalled long enough they could install a stooge and put everything back underwater.

I watched and waited for the data bomb to drop while they did everything I predicted they'd try, media smears, ad hominem attacks, and bureaucratic sabotage. I expected high school lunch room level politics and they didn't surprise me one bit.

So, then it was time to approach KPD. In every photograph where she had a drink, she had a Coke. So I dropped off a case of it (the good stuff in the curved bottles, not the high fructose crap, cuz I'm classy) with a note thanking her for all the time filling records requests, and that the public supported her. Because she'll end up reading this, don't worry. Those cost \$24.50, well below the limit for a reportable gift to an elected official.

A few days later, I called the ACs office to arrange a meeting regarding PRA 22-194. On March 10th, KPD made time for me to come and look at the first in a pile of documents that made my eyes pop. She explained how much there was, and the first hints of what some of it meant for 5 hours over deep fried **oreos**. At 1am I left her office on fire with rage.

PRA 22-194 is a Book of Sins. I've been digging into it for days, and I'm only scraping the surface. It documents a public employee retirement account opened with fraudulent actuarial statement that cost the county millions, the County Administrator making unauthorized changes to the county's books, unmonitored department bank accounts, cash mismanagement, and that's just what I've been able to wrap my head around so far. It documents the Treasurer's abject failure to follow even the most basic cash handling procedures when it comes *specifically* to cannabis farmers and their taxes, leading to thousands being stolen out of my community with no plan on how to return the money.

Folks, I cannot express my rage in words. Actions will have to suffice. I am once again taking up the old, bloodstained tools. I'm going to make them hurt. And I invite you to come with me.

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This data is dense, far ranging, and difficult to contextualize. Please dig into it. Organize it. Find the connections. Add context and timelines. Send it to your friends. Tag a journalist you know, here or abroad. Tell your community. It's citizen homework time. They fucked around with our money. They had the opportunity to work with and honest Auditor Controller as a colleague to get all this done and still save face. Now they get to find out.

There's no saving face with me. There's no working it out. There's no getting along to get by. There's no leverage, no threat, and no incentive they can bring to bear that will save them from me. I will root out every rotten department head, every lazy bureaucrat, and every elected official whose incompetence and malfeasance turned my advocacy for my community into a lie. No exceptions. No prisoners.

Full disclosure, I'm going to be donating, volunteering, and voting for KPD. I don't speak for her, her office, or her campaign though. She's way too nice to do what I'm going to do.

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Paul Rodrigues

Michelle, respectfully, aside from litigation, real property transactions and personnel issues, nothing is privileged and confidential. All the information that has been posted by the "blocked by KPD" have been acquired through Public Records Act requests. A better question would be why are some people (**Thomas K. Edrington**, for example) allowed access to KPD's office at one am in the morning (his words), and why are some people like **Eric V. Kirk** seemingly receiving information within seconds of being asked about said information - it does appear that the AC is not treating all PRA requests equally, and it also appears she is selectively releasing information to her allies before the information has been made available through the PRA process.

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Eric V. Kirk

Paul Rodrigues I get information because I ask her for it. It's that simple. She talks to me because I haven't personally attacked her all over the internet.

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Michelle Smith Bushnell

Eric V. Kirk I have never slandered her , nor will I ever. I know the items that are public and what items you have talked about that are not, it's not your bad if someone is telling you. I only work there , so I probably don't know what I'm talking... [See more](#)

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Paul Rodrigues

Eric That isn't how it works - she cannot just give you information without making it available to everyone by logging it into the NextRequest module. Now, again, please answer why you think it's ok for her to violate every internal control known to m... [See more](#)

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Paul Rodrigues

Eric V. Kirk please give a specific example of her being personally attacked. You know that is a bullshit narrative - questioning her record is entirely appropriate and you know it. DO BETTER

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Eric V. Kirk

Paul Rodrigues You've got to be kidding!

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Eric V. Kirk

Michelle Smith Bushnell If you're referencing the screenshots of the invoice queue I referenced in my article - the cat's been out of the bag for months and County Counsel had all that time to let her know that they are not subject to PRA. But I can't imagine why they wouldn't be. Is there something about the queue that makes it confidential?

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Mychal Matthew Evenson [Author](#)

Eric V. Kirk nearly everything is subject to a PRA. Did you do one?

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Paul Rodrigues

Eric the oopsie u just admitted KPD making is that she has to provide it for all to see - you know, for transparency?!

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Eric V. Kirk

Mychal Matthew Evenson If it's subject to a PRA then no confidentiality is breached. My question was whether the queue screenshots are excepted from the PRA and are somehow confidential. She sent them to LoCo before she sent them to me.

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Mychal Matthew Evenson [Author](#)

Eric V. Kirk did you do a PRA?

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Eric V. Kirk

Mychal Matthew Evenson No. Why is that relevant?

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Mychal Matthew Evenson [Author](#)

Eric V. Kirk thank you. You may or may not find out in the future why that is relevant.

Like Reply Share 1m



Eric V. Kirk [Author](#) [Admin](#)

Lisa Dugan I had a conversation with Karen about your comments and she was kind of shocked because she remembered a better relationship. So she dug through and found all the emails between you and emailed a selection to me. I've only been able to skim them so far. If what you've posted is the story you're going to be telling everyone, then perhaps Karen should publish those emails to let voters decide what they think, because the emails seem to tell a MUCH different story.

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**Karen Paz Domínguez**

Active 22m ago



JUN 21, 2021, 6:49 PM

Hi Cassandra, I hope you are having a nice evening. I was present at tonight's round 2 budget hearing and I think I heard you call in during public comment. Please correct me if I'm wrong but I think I heard you express that you experienced some hardship due to the "auditor's office" issuing your payments late. I'm not 100% sure it was you because I only heard Virginia thank the caller "Cassandra" and because I heard "commission". It made me curious so I looked up invoices from the Humb Film Commission to see how long we had them in our queue. It looks like we issued payment 2 weeks after we received the invoices to pay. I do see



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**Karen Paz Domínguez**

Active 22m ago



we issued payment 2 weeks after we received the invoices to pay. I do see there was a 2 month delay between the date of the invoice and the date they were submitted to us and I'm wondering if that's what is contributing to the belief that our office was late in issuing payment. I certainly understand the frustration you or anyone for that matter would feel and want to make sure to address that with you directly. We don't want to cause any hardships for anyone.

Hi Karen, thanks for reaching out!

Please feel free to reach out to me if you ever need assistance or clarification about any payments. My cell is 707-612-273. If I



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Karen Paz Domínguez

Active 22m ago

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Hi Karen, thanks for reaching out!

Please feel free to reach out to me if you ever need assistance or clarification about any payments. My cell is 707-616-0273. If I can help ease frustrations, I'd be happy to.

Let me look something up and then give you a call.

I really appreciate this.

JUN 22, 2021, 8:25 PM

I received the invoice today for payment. Thank you!

