

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose this Motion because the Chinatown BID is not following the law, as they are required to do, under the California Public Records Act. Why would the City of Los Angeles award a BID with Public funds that has been breaking the law? While BIDs are non-profit corporations, rather than public agencies, they are explicitly subject to the CPRA and the Brown Act under California Law. (CA Streets and Highways Code § 36612.) Please refer to case no. BS174784, Katherine McNenny and Adrian Riskin vs. Los Angeles Chinatown Business Council. In this case the Chinatown BID ignored CPRA requests altogether from two different requestors, thus refusing to provide a response or any records. The court found that the BID had to comply with the CPRA and ordered the BID to produce records, including records related to the Chinatown BID's role in undermining the efforts of Skid Row residents to form a neighborhood council. More info can be found here: <https://capublicrecordslaw.com/blog/2019/8/21/cpra-victories-against-los-angeles-area-business-improvement-districts>