

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANYON LAKE, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1821 (PACHECO), RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND RESPONSE TIME CALCULATION

WHEREAS, the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.) establishes the public’s right to access information concerning the conduct of the people’s business, reflecting the State’s strong commitment to transparency and accountability in government; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature is considering Assembly Bill 1821, authored by Blanca Pacheco, relating to agency response timelines under the California Public Records Act (“CPRA”); and

WHEREAS, local agencies have experienced a substantial increase in both the volume and complexity of CPRA requests in recent years, particularly requests involving electronically stored information such as emails, text messages, electronic documents, and other digital communications that require extensive searching, collection, organization, legal review, and redaction of confidential or exempt information protected under state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, responding to CPRA requests frequently requires coordination among multiple departments, information technology personnel, records management staff, and legal counsel, while agencies must continue balancing these responsibilities alongside the delivery of core public services with limited staffing and financial resources; and

WHEREAS, existing law requires agencies to determine within ten (10) calendar days whether a request seeks disclosable public records, with a possible fourteen (14) calendar day extension under certain circumstances, yet those timelines continue to run during weekends and holidays when agency staff are unavailable to conduct records searches, review responsive documents, and prepare legally compliant responses; and

WHEREAS, AB 1821 provides a practical and clarification by converting existing CPRA response timelines from calendar days to business days, thereby allowing agencies the full intended number of working days to conduct diligent and accurate records searches while continuing to uphold the public’s right of access to government records; and

WHEREAS, organizations including the California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities, California Municipal Clerks Association, Rural County Representatives of California, and Urban Counties of California have expressed support for AB 1821.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANYON LAKE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council hereby supports Assembly Bill 1821 (Pacheco), which proposes to calculate specified response periods under the California Public Records Act in business days rather than calendar days.

Section 3. The City Council finds that AB 1821 provides a reasonable procedural clarification that supports timely, accurate, and legally compliant responses to public records requests without reducing transparency or public access rights.

Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Blanca Pacheco, California State Assembly, and any other appropriate legislative offices.

Section 5. The provisions of this Resolution are severable and if any provision, clause, sentence, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstances, such illegality, invalidity, unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, sections, words or parts thereof of the Resolution or their applicability to other persons or circumstances.

Section 6. That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and that the same shall be in full force and effect.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jeremy Smith, Mayor

ATTEST & CERTIFIED:

I, Sheryl Garcia, City Clerk of the City of Canyon Lake, hereby attest to the mayor's signature above and certify that the City Council duly adopted this Resolution as recorded in the vote tally stated herein.

Sheryl L. Garcia, MMC, CPM
City Clerk