



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

November 18, 2021

Via Electronic Mail - [katy@californiaglobe.com](mailto:katy@californiaglobe.com)

Katy Grimes  
Editor, California Globe

RE: Public Records Act Request

Dear Ms. Grimes:

This letter is in response to your correspondence received November 8, 2021, requesting "...the Governor's public schedule this week: Monday November 8 through Saturday November 13."

We anticipate that the Governor's calendar for November 2021 will be available in January 2022. This timeline provides us an opportunity to review the calendar, to redact information that is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act (as discussed below), and to standardize our production dates for all requesters seeking copies of the Governor's calendar.

It may be helpful to understand that the Governor's official calendar is not maintained in a traditional appointment book or calendar. Instead, daily schedules are maintained in a computer program and are subject to revision. Like many people's calendars, the Governor's calendar is not a complete record of what the Governor has done, or with whom he has met. Only meetings and other matters scheduled in advance are reflected on the calendar. The calendar may or may not be updated after the fact if a scheduled meeting does not take place. Some of the Governor's work does not involve scheduled meetings, so some meetings and activities may not appear on the calendar.

Certain information will not be disclosed because it is exempt from disclosure. Specifically, the California Supreme Court has held that requiring the disclosure of the entirety of the Governor's calendar and schedule represents an "intrusion into the deliberative process." *Times Mirror Co. v. Super. Ct.* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 1325, 1343. Accordingly, the Governor's Office will not disclose entries that reveal the deliberative process of the Governor or the First Partner. (*Gov. Code*, § 6255; *Cal. First Amend. Coalition v. Super. Ct.* (1998) 67 Cal.App.4th 159; *Times Mirror Co.* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 1325).

In order to protect the personal security of the First Partner as well as the Governor and his staff, calendar entries that contain certain travel information and information about the First Partner or the Governor's security detail will not be produced. (Gov. Code, § 6255.) The Governor's Office will also not disclose entries that reflect attorney work product, or attorney-client privileged information. (Gov. Code, § 6254, subds. (b), and (k).)

Finally, in recognition of personal privacy concerns, we will not disclose information that is personal or related to personnel matters because it is also exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act. For example, we will not provide phone numbers and contact information for both staff and individuals with whom the Governor or First Partner meets, as well as the names of prospective appointees that he interviews. (Gov. Code, §§ 6254, subd. (c), 6254.3, 6255.)

Please call our Press Office at (916) 445-4571 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Sapp", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

DAVID SAPP  
Chief Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary

