From: **Hannah Goldsmith** hannah.goldsmith@gobiz.ca.gov
Subject: RE: CPRA
Date: November 9, 2026 at 3:57 PM
To: price@padailypost.com

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Dear David Price,

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) received your below request for public records on November 2, 2026. While GO-Biz maintains its own records related to the California Civic Media Program, and the Advisory Board is subject to the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (the state government equivalent of the Brown Act), the independent third-party administrator of the grant program maintains its own program, and related records, for purposes of program administration.

GO-Biz is not the grant/fiscal administrator for the California Civic Media Program. The independent administrator, the James B. McClatchy Foundation, has control over the records you requested. GO-Biz does not have possession of the administrator's records and contractually, cannot take custody of or control the records.

Given this relationship, and after a reasonable and diligent internal search, GO-Biz has not found any records relevant or responsive to your request. My understanding is that award amounts will be available at the end of the year, once agreements are finalized and signed. The full awardee list is available here: https://cacivicmedia.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/CMP-2026-Awards-List-November-2-2026.pdf.

Sincerely,
Hannah

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From: Palo Alto Daily Post <price@padailypost.com>
Sent: Monday, November 2, 2026 1:29 PM
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Nov. 2, 2026

From: David Price, Editor and Co-Publisher
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To: Dee Dee Myers, senior adviser and director
Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)

RE: Public Records Act Request

This is a request made under the California Public Records Act, Government Code sections 7920.000 – 7931.000, for records in the possession of your agency or the California Civic Media Program.

Under the CPRA, a public-private partnership (P3) is conceptually split when it comes to open records laws: the public agency partner is fully subject to the CPRA, while the private partner generally is not, unless it functions as the "functional equivalent" of a legislative body.

I contend that the California Civic Media Program, which holds meetings subject to the Brown Act and distributes public funds, is the “functional equivalent” of a legislative body because it was created to delegate government authority.

I am seeking electronic copies of:

1. The applications received in 2026 by the California Civic Media Program from the following news organizations: Broke-Ass Stuart, East Palo Alto Today, Half Moon Bay Review, Los Gatan, The Mercury News, The Mountain View Voice, Palo Alto Weekly/Palo Alto Online, Pleasanton Weekly, The Press Democrat, Redwood City Pulse, San José Spotlight, San Mateo Daily Journal, World Journal San Francisco.

2. A list showing the specific amounts each “2026 Funded Newsroom” will receive. I’m aware of the general range of amounts, but I’m asking for a list showing what each and every news organization received.

3. Any emails, notes, letters or other communications between Embarcadero Media, the Palo Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online, the Pleasanton Weekly, Redwood City Pulse and the California Civic Media Program

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Please keep in mind your agency's obligations under the law require you to:

• Respond within 10 calendar days.

• You should help me make a focused and effective request by (1) identifying records and information that are responsive, (2) describing the information technology and physical location in which the records exist and (3) providing suggestions for overcoming any practical issues.

• Segregate or redact any exempt information contained within a record so that the public information in the remainder of the record may be released.

• Broadly construe all provisions that further the public's right of access, and apply any limitations on access as narrowly as possible, per Article 1, Section 3(b)(2) of the California Constitution.

• Provide a written justification for any denial of this request, in whole or in part, stating the specific exemptions from disclosure that you assert and the name and title or position of each person responsible for the denial.

I ask that you notify me of any costs exceeding $50.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ David Price

David Price
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