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CBS13 Special Projects Producer
Attn: Matt Schrader
2713 KOVR Drive
West Sacramento, CA 95765

Re: California Public Records Act Request dated August 26, 2011 – Legal Costs

*****Response sent via e-mail mschrader@kovr.com *****

Dear Mr. Schrader,

I am writing in response to your request for public records, dated August 26, 2011, pursuant to the Public Records Act ("Act") (Gov. Code § 6250, *et seq.*).

The Stockton Police Officers Association (SPOA) has filed a lawsuit against the City of Stockton. The City has filed a Cross Complaint that addresses three things: the City's fiscal emergency, surfacing and bad faith bargaining, and retaliation against an employee (City Manager).

The total cost to date, for defense against the SPOA lawsuit, is approximately \$110,000 and approximately \$50,000 for the Cross Complaint. The purpose is to protect City services and the City's solvency.

The City of Stockton does not estimate or prepare line item budgets for specific legal cases. The City has budgeted \$1.5 million for Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 for outside counsel associated with all labor-related legal expenses, not just this specific case.

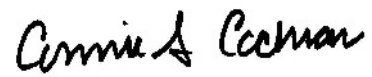
Hourly rates for Renne, Sloan, Holtzman, Sakai LLP:

- Partners: \$285 to \$340 per hour
- Associates: \$205 to \$265 per hour
- Non-Attorney, Human Resources and Labor Relations Consultants: \$150 to \$225 per hour
- Paralegals: \$95 to \$125 per hour

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (209) 937-8827.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Connie Cochran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Connie Cochran
Public Information Officer

Cc: John Luebberke, City Attorney