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John:

As you know, I represent George Edwardz in a lawsuit against the City of La Habra Heights. I just wanted to let you know that the city employees you referenced in the attached letter are, well, faking it. The reality is that the city employees are themselves hostile and blatantly telling members of the public that they (the employees) “don’t give a damn about what the law requires” or words to that effect—presumably because they take offense at members of the public exercising their rights under the federal and state constitutions, the CPRA, and the Brown Act. I myself have witnessed such behavior more than once, and I’ve even had the city employees act in a similarly hostile way toward me.

Since you’re new to representing LHH, I want to urge you to maintain a healthy skepticism about what the city employees tell you. I have found them to be exceptionally dishonest. Since you know the level of dishonesty my clients and I have faced in other jurisdictions where you work, for me to say that LHH’s employees are “exceptionally dishonest” really says something.

What I’d encourage you to do is to hold an open training session—for both the employees and the public—on how the state’s open-meeting and open-records laws work. I think it would be helpful for everyone to be on the same page from the beginning of your tenure. By ensuring that everyone has an equal understanding, you could probably help reduce the number of conflicts in LHH and maybe even help make LHH a model city (in a good way) when it comes to open government.

If you’d like to discuss this further, don’t hesitate to let me know.

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