

Ruling could open Calif. legislative records

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California's open-records section of the constitution does not exclude the Legislature, a Sacramento County judge has ruled, advancing a newspaper group's lawsuit seeking legislative records.

The Bay Area News Group sued the California Senate and California Legislature last summer, seeking appointment books, calendars, and other records of indicted then-lawmakers Ron Calderon, D-Montebello, and Leland Yee, D-San Francisco.

Senate officials had denied the requests, asserting that the requested records were exempt under the Legislative Open Records Act.

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