

LA Times lawsuit alleges county violated opening records law

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The *Los Angeles Times* has sued L.A. County, accusing it of repeatedly and routinely flouting laws designed to ensure government transparency.

Over the last year alone, county officials have refused to release information about the status of homicide investigations, allegations of sexual misconduct against prosecutors and even mundane information such as email addresses for Sheriff's Department employees, the lawsuit says.

County officials also ignored a request for copies of two instruction manuals coaching employees on how to respond to such requests, according to the lawsuit. One of the manuals is titled "California Public Records Act 'Emergency Kit' for County Counsel."

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