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On heels of illegal release of peace officers' confidential employment records by "county official"...

Local 685 Demands County Immediately Investigate & Take Legal Action

In a September 25, 2016, [Los Angeles Times article](#), reporters Abby Sewell and Garrett Therolf, both of whom are no longer employed by the *Los Angeles Times*, stated in clear terms that they received Local 685 members' confidential employment records and information from a "county official" with access to peace officer employment files.

Further, the reporters stated that the individual who illegally shared this information requested anonymity because California law specifically prohibits the disclosure of this confidential information. Thus, **this individual clearly knew that his or her actions were illegal.**

In a [strongly worded letter](#) from Local 685 Attorney Esteban Lizardo to County CEO Sachi Hamai and Interim Chief Probation Officer Cal Remington, Local 685 has demanded that the County take immediate action to determine who - among the few who have direct access - illegally released confidential peace officer employment records to the *Los Angeles Times*. Further, **Local 685 declares the intent to pursue all legal avenues and demands that the County do the same.**

"In releasing confidential peace officer employment records and information as identified in the article, the County and Probation department have violated the numerous California laws and [California Supreme Court authorities noted above](#). As the representative of peace officers employed by the County in its Probation Department, Local 685 demands that the County and Probation Department take immediate action to investigate this unlawful disclosure and to prevent any further release of confidential peace officer employment records by any "county official.



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Stewards' Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016
7:30pm

Meetings are held at the Local 685 office

3701 Wilshire Blvd.
Suite 510
Los Angeles, CA 90010

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"The release of this information is a serious breach of California law, and Local 685 intends to pursue all legal avenues available to seek redress from this unlawful release of information.

"On behalf of our members, Local 685 demands that the County and Probation Department take immediate action to do the same as is their required duty under California law."

- *Esteban Lizardo, Attorney, AFSCME Local 685*

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