Ms. Itzcalli:

My name is Jerry Sullivan, and I am a journalist for the SullivanSaysSoCal.com column and website, distributed digitally to subscribers throughout Los Angeles County.

The office of County Counsel Rodrigo Castro-Silva has informed me that questions about the development of a homeless shelter on the 1400 block of Paloma Street in Downtown LA should be directed to you in your capacity as Communications Director for the Department of Health Services.

The County Counsel's office also informed me that you have received the questions I submitted to numerous county officials on March 12 regarding the development of a homeless shelter on the 1400 block of Paloma Street in Downtown LA.

I am re-submitting those questions as a matter of courtesy here.

I'm also submitting to you some questions that I first sent to numerous officials of LA County on February 3.

The questions of February 3 will immediately follow my signature.

The questions of March 12 will come after the questions of February 3.

The order is such because the County Counsel's office unilaterally treated the questions of February 3 as a public-records request, and sent me documents it deemed responsive to questions # 3 and #4. None of the rest of the questions were addressed due to a lack of responsive documents, according to the County Counsel's office.

The partial response prompted the questions of March 12 as a follow-up.

I am now asking you to answer the questionsof February 3 and March 12 in your capacity as the county official designated by the County Counsel's office as responsible for responding. I am submitting them plainly, and not as a public records request. I am asking for direct answers. I request some explanation from you in your official capacity should you choose not to answer any of the questions.

And please feel free to call me with any questions you might have at (213) 276-0729, or to arrange a meeting in person at appropriate social distance, if you think that might be helpful in this regard.

Sincerely,

Jerry Sullivan

Here are the questions of February 3:

1. Are you aware that Leslie Jordan, Capital Construction Program Manager–CIIP for the Housing For Health unit of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, also is the founder and current principal of Perch Projects?

2. Does the County of Los Angeles or any entities that receive funding and other forms of support from the County of Los Angeles do business with Perch Projects?

3. Does the County of Los Angeles have a policy requiring disclosures of outside interests held by its employees?

4. Does the County of Los Angeles have a policy requiring employees to disclose possible or acknowledged or actual conflicts of interest?

5. Has the County of Los Angeles required disclosures of outside interests from Ms. Jordan?

6. If so, what official(s) and/or office would consider such a disclosure?

7. Has the County of Los Angeles required disclosures of possible or acknowledged or actual conflicts of interest from Ms. Jordan?

8. What official(s) and/or office would consider such disclosures?

9. Has Ms. Jordan been cleared by the County of Los Angeles to retain her interest in Perch Projects?

10. If so, what official(s) and/or office made that determination?

11. Has Ms. Jordan and Perch Projects been cleared of any possible, acknowledged or actual conflicts of interest?

12. If so, what official(s) and/or office made that determination?

Here are the questions of March 12, submitted as follow ups based on the documentation sent by the County Counsel's office in response to questions #3 and #4 above.

1. Why is there no documentation of any disclosure forms from Leslie Jordan?

2. Who is responsible for ensuring such disclosures are made and appropriate forms are filed?

3. What do you plan to do in regard to Jordan and in regard to regulations on disclosures of outside interests and checks on potential conflicts of interests among the county workforce?

4. Do you plan to review or audit the county's homelessness programs in view of this matter?