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Cory J. Briggs. Esq.
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4891 Pacific Highway, Suite 104
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Re: Demand Cajon Valley Union School District Cease and Desist Alleged Brown Act Violations under Government Code, section 54960.2

Dear Mr. Briggs:

The Cajon Valley Union School District ("District") has received your cease and desist letter dated May 16, 2019 alleging that on May 7 and 14, 2019, the District refused to allow reporters from *East County Magazine* to make audio or video recordings of the public meetings of the Governing Board. You also contend the reporters were ordered to the back of the room and threatened with arrest if they did not comply.

The District does not agree with your statement of the facts. The reporters were not threatened with arrest or threatened in any way. They were asked to move their equipment to the back or to the side of the room so that they did not obstruct the view of the public at the meeting, consistent with the "obstruction of view" provision in section 54953.5, subdivision (a) of the Government Code.

But, in order to avoid unnecessary litigation and without admitting any violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Cajon Valley Union School District hereby unconditionally commits that it will cease, desist from, and not repeat the challenged past action as described above. This issue will be placed on the open meeting Agenda as a separate item at the next meeting, for approval compliant with section 54960.2, subdivision (c)(2). The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2019.

The Cajon Valley Union School District may rescind this commitment only by a majority vote of its membership taken in open session at a regular meeting and noticed on its posted agenda as "Rescission of Brown Act Commitment." You will be provided with written notice, sent by any means or media you provide in response to this message, to whatever address or addresses you specify, of any intention to consider rescinding this commitment at least 30 days before any such regular meeting. In the event that this commitment is rescinded, you will have the right to commence legal action pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 54960 of the Government Code. That notice will be delivered to you by the same means as this commitment, or may be mailed to an address that you have designated in writing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tamara Otero'.

Tamara Otero
Governing Board President
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