

Greetings

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1. Any record that shows that the secretary of state is the custodian of the Great Seal.
2. Any record that evidences either he is the ONLY custodian of the great seal or that identifies who else is a custodian of the Great Seal/how many copies of the great seal exist.
3. All records that would help me identify which other agencies/departments are authorized to use the Great Seal or its likeness (considering the above codes actually identify a couple of agencies that have permission to use its likeness)

I ask for a determination on this request within 10 days of your receipt of it, and an even prompter reply if you can make that determination without having to review the record[s] in question.

If you determine that any or all of the information qualifies for an exemption from disclosure, I ask you to note whether, as is normally the case under the Act, the exemption is discretionary, and if so whether it is necessary in this case to exercise your discretion to withhold the information.

If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, I ask that you redact it for the time being and make the rest available as requested.

In any event, please provide a signed notification citing the legal authorities on which you rely if you determine that any or all of the information is exempt and will not be disclosed.

If I can provide any clarification that will help expedite your attention to my request, please contact me by email or by phone at [\(951\) 8804159](tel:9518804159). I ask

that you notify me of any duplication costs exceeding \$25 before you duplicate the records so that I may decide which records I want copied. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jacquie Figg

Dear Ms. Figg:

Thank you for contacting the Secretary of State regarding the Great Seal.

Government Code section 12160 identifies the Secretary of State as the custodian of the Great Seal. The seal is discussed further in sections 399 – 405 of the Government Code. As you note, the seal is mentioned in other statutes. However, we do not have a list of all the statutes that reference the seal. You may search for these statutes, as well as view the Government Code sections referenced above, online at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>.

We hope this information is helpful to you. If you have questions about this or another matter related to the Secretary of State's office, please contact us again.

Sincerely,

Constituent Affairs

Secretary of State

**From:** [Figgjax@protonmail.com](mailto:Figgjax@protonmail.com) [<mailto:Figgjax@protonmail.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 29, 2019 8:44 AM

**To:** Secretary of State, Constituent Affairs

**Subject:** Public Records Request

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Sent from [ProtonMail](#), encrypted email based in Switzerland.