Subject: Re: CPRA request (LAATTY.2019.12.19.b)
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The City Attorney's Office can receive referrals regarding an alleged nuisance property in a number of ways. One way is through the submittal of the form in which you are interested. Residents can also make referrals anonymously through our website. And we can also receive referrals directly from LAPD. In essence, a referral can reach the DCA's desk through the CNAP referral form, the website, or an oral or written referral from LAPD. Staff would have to sift through each individual file to determine how each case was referred to our office. A referral is usually generated by a resident or law enforcement who has observed or documented criminal activity (narco, gang, homicides, assaults, etc.) at a specific residence. The criminal activity at the property would have to be chronic and well-documented by LAPD before a DCA would even consider filling nuisance abatement action. I've given an explanation beyond the scope of your request so you have a clear understanding of how our referral system works.

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On Mon, Jan 13, 2020 at 11:46 AM wrote:

Good day, Mr. Wilson!

I'm trying to understand how the CA's office chooses targets for nuisance actions. If there's some way other than the referral forms to understand how a potential case is chosen, like on whose motion a file gets opened, then that might be a better way in. I'm assuming the DCAs themselves don't go prowling around the streets looking for nuisances, so someone must inform them, right?

Thanks,

On Mon, Jan 13, 2020, at 11:40 AM, Bethwel Wilson wrote:

Hello

Staff estimates there are no more than 7 referral forms responsive to the request. Because staff does not track their cases by referral form they do not know on which of the 479 cases contain the forms, so they would have to physically go through all 479 case files for the 2018 and 2019 periods to determine which ones contain the referral form. Would there be a less intensive manner for us to respond to your request?