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San Mateo County District Attorney's Office Hall of Justice & Records 400 County Center 3rd Floor Redwood City, CA 94063

Dear Custodian of Records for San Mateo County District Attorney's Office & Hall of Justice & Records:

The National Coalition for Men (NCFM), is a 501(c) (3) educational nonprofit corporation, was founded in 1977, and is the nation's oldest men's human rights organization. Our directors, advisors, liaisons, and members are men and women from a wide variety of professions from around the globe, including attorneys, former and retired prosecutors and law enforcement officers. NCFM is recognized by the federal government for work domestically and internationally. You can learn more about NCFM, our interests, efforts, and numerous accomplishments by visiting our website, <u>www.ncfm.org</u>. As such, NCFM is exempt from paying fees for this request.

NCFM is committed to the removal of gender-based stereotypes, especially as they adversely impact boys, men, their families, and the women who love them, including but not limited to, issues involving the criminal justice, family court, and military judicial systems.

Under the California Public Records Act § 6250 et seq., NCFM is requesting copies of public records regarding domestic violence crime statistics from the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office or any other San Mateo County Office, Department or Branch which maintains such records. Patricia Overberg, MSW In Memoriam California Richard Driscoll. Ph.D Psychologist/Author Colorado Gordon Finley Professor Emeritus Florida Robert Parker, Jr, LLB Legislative Affairs Georgia Francis Baumli, Ph.D. Publisher/Author Missouri Julie Brand, M.S. Author/Speaker Nevada David Heleniak, Esq. **Civil Rights/Appellate** New Jersey Edward Stephens MD/Psychiatry New York Phillip Cook Journalist/Author Washington

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For the purposes of this request, "domestic violence" is defined as any California Penal Code section that addresses assaults and batteries against spouses or intimate dating partners, including but not limited Penal Code ("P.C.") 273.5 and P.C. 273(e)(1). The scope of these requests includes any other charges that may accompany or follow a domestic violence arrest, including no contact or restraining order violations or other charges levied in connection with a domestic violence charge.

This request is specifically being sent to the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, or any other county entity responsible for maintaining records, which maintain records including:

- 1. The number of domestic violence complaints and police reports written up in the last ten years (2007-2016);
- 2. The number of arrests made in the last ten years for domestic violence allegations;
- 3. The number of arrest warrants issued for domestic violence complaints in the last ten years;
- 4. The charges brought in connection with such domestic violence arrests in the last ten years, including whether those charges were misdemeanors or felonies;
- 5. The judgments and convictions entered in connection with domestic violence charges in the last ten years, including whether such judgment or conviction was by plea or trial.

In connection with these five categories, please provide summaries and records which describe and detail the following:

• The domestic violence crime statistics over the last ten years (2007-2016) reported by San Mateo County to any federal or state agency, including the Department of Justice, California Attorney General's Office, FBI, or any other agency or government department.

• The number of **domestic violence complaints** in San Mateo County in the last ten years (2007-2016); broken out by gender, race and age of the alleged perpetrator. Domestic violence complaints include assaults and batteries against spouses or intimate dating partners, including but not limited Penal Code ("P.C.") 273.5 and PC 273(e)(1).

• The number of **domestic violence arrests** in the last ten years (2007-2016), broken out by gender, race and age of the alleged perpetrator. Race categories should be described by Caucasian (or white), Asian, Hispanic, or other nationality or origin if that data is available and/or is reported to the Department of Justice, California Attorney General's Office, FBI or other reporting agencies.

• The number of **domestic violence charges** brought against those individuals arrested for domestic violence in the last ten years, including whether the charge was a misdemeanor or felony, including any other charges brought and enhancements added to the charging information against that individual; this information should be broken out by gender, race and age of the alleged perpetrator.

• The number of **domestic violence cases in the last ten years which settled by a plea offer** made by the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, including information on the original charges (whether a misdemeanor or felony) and the ultimate plea deal reached by the parties (including the final charge to which the defendant pled); this information should be broken out by gender, race and age of the alleged perpetrator.

• The **sentences imposed in domestic violence cases** in the last ten years, including the recommended sentence sought by the district attorney's office for felonies and

misdemeanor cases; this information should be broken out by gender, race and age of the alleged perpetrator.

• For all domestic violence cases between 2007-2016 in San Mateo County, where dual domestic violence complaints and police reports are made between men and women in relationships, information to show in which of these cases charges were brought.

• Copies of any policies or modification of policies from 2007 to 2016 directing first responders, investigators, or prosecutors that would define or identify domestic violence perpetrators by gender, race, or any other personal identifying information.

• Copies of any policies or modification of policies from 2007 to 2016 directing first responders, investigators, or prosecutors, defining the arrest or prosecution of alleged domestic violence violators by race, gender, or age.

The requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of how domestic violence cases have impacted men, women and persons of different races and nationalities. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The California Public Records Act requires a response within ten business days. If access to the records we are requesting will take longer, please contact NCFM with information about when we might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records. The California Public Records Act (CPRA) provides that public records must be available to all Californians, stating "access to information concerning the conduct of people's business is a fundamental and necessary right of every person in this state. Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6250-6270.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

The National Coalition for Men looks forward to receiving the requested information and a full fee waiver within ten (10) business days.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully,

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