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**VIA E-MAIL**

The Honorable Bob Maddocks, President  
and Members of the District Board of Directors  
Graton Fire Protection District  
3750 Gravenstein Hwy, N  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

Re: Linda Tripoli v. Graton Fire Protection District; Sonoma County Superior Court  
Case No. SCV-270375

Dear President Maddocks and Members of the District Board:

Please find enclosed the November 2, 2022, Order of the Sonoma County Superior Court, after the Court Hearing of October 25, 2022.

The Court rules that all relief requested in the Motion for Issuance for a Peremptory Writ of Mandate by the Petitioner, is "DENIED."

The next step in the proceeding is the preparation of a judgment and its entry.

If upon review you have questions, please contact our office.

Very truly yours,



William D. Ross  
District Counsel

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Enclosure: Order after Hearing on Motion for Issuance of Peremptory Writ of Mandate

cc: Bill Bullard, District Chief  
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7 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SONOMA

8 LINDA TRIPOLI,

Case No. SCV-270375

9 Petitioner,

ORDER AFTER HEARING ON MOTION  
FOR ISSUANCE OF PEREMPTORY WRIT  
OF MANDATE

10 vs.

11 GRATON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT;  
12 and DOES 1 through 15,

November 2, 2022

13 Respondents.  
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15 This Motion For Issuance of Peremptory Writ of Mandate came on for hearing October 25,  
16 2022, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 17 of this court, the Honorable Bradford DeMeo presiding.  
17 Petitioner, Linda Tripoli, appeared in pro per. Respondent Graton Fire Protection District appeared  
18 through their attorney William Ross.

19 On September 28, 2022, petitioner filed a Notice Of Motion And Motion For Issuance of  
20 Peremptory Writ of Mandate. Petitioner, in her motion for writ, requested the following relief:

- 21 1. A peremptory writ of mandate issue under seal of this court commanding respondent  
22 Graton Fire Protection District to comply with the California Public Records Act by  
23 producing any and all non-exempt records requested in petitioner's October 20, 2021 PRA  
24 request (Exhibit B, attached hereto.)
- 25 2. A peremptory writ of mandate issue under seal of this court commanding respondent  
26 Graton Fire Protection District to comply with District Policy 1111.2 (Renumbered 1211.2)  
27 -Personnel Complaints, by taking seriously and addressing petitioners August 6, 2021  
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complaint about Fire Chief Bullard’s misrepresentations to the board and public regarding the “Resolution to Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions” in April and May of 2021.

At the end of the hearing this court ruled and denied petitioner’s motion for issuance of writ as to issue number 2, and took under submission issue number 1. Neither party made a timely request for a statement of decision.


The court finds that petitioner has not met the burden necessary for the court to issue a writ of mandate on either issue.

After due consideration of all pleadings, declarations, evidence submitted and argument by the parties the court rules as follows:

The Motion For Issuance of Peremptory Writ of Mandate filed by petitioner in this matter is DENIED as to all relief requested therein.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: November 2, 2022.

  
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BRADFORD DEMEO  
Judge of the Superior Court