



## **Please Vote NO on SB17-40**

### **CORA Requests and Public Access to Government Databases**

**Sponsor: Kefalas, Pabon**

CCI was part of a coalition that met last summer and fall on the issue of granting access to public records in their native format or in structured formats that can be more easily manipulated by records requestors. The resulting bill (SB 40) contains a number of safeguards for local governments, but there is still a growing concern amongst counties that by giving documents out in their native formats, a county might be inadvertently releasing sensitive personal information like social security numbers that could be used for purposes of identity theft. Ultimately, county commissioners feel that protecting our citizens' privacy outweighs the convenience of document requestors. No one contests that these documents are open records under current law and counties will continue to provide them upon request as either hard copies or in a pdf format in order to ensure citizens' privacy.

Moreover, many counties continue to be beset by CORA requests from out-of-state companies that are conducting data mining. These are instances where corporations use a CORA request to get access to data that will then be used to further private business interests. Attached is a letter that was sent to the county clerk and recorder in Kit Carson County by a company in California. These kinds of requests are becoming more commonplace, and SB 40 could make data mining that much easier and profitable.

While much-improved over the version that was introduced last session, SB 40 still lacks the safeguards that are necessary to protect our citizens from identity theft and stop data mining expeditions that are wasting taxpayer money.

## **CCI asks for your “NO” vote on SB17-40**

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Ms. Susan Corliss  
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Burlington, CO 80807

Re: Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) [C.R.S. §§ 24-72-201 - 24-72-309]

Dear Ms. Corliss,

Pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) [C.R.S. §§ 24-72-201 - 24-72-309], Black Knight Real Estate Data Solutions (Black Knight) requests an electronic copy of all the official recorded property land records for *Kit Carson County*, Colorado for the period *from June 1, 2016 through the present and ongoing*.

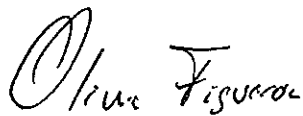
Black Knight would like to receive electronic copies of these records and is more than happy to provide the appropriate media (CDs/DVDs, thumbdrive, hard drive, etc.) and overnight express shipping labels and/or envelopes for your ease in providing the requested records to Black Knight.

I am hopeful that we will have compliance with the Public Records Law and will be able to obtain an electronic copy of the above-described records for a cost that reflects only those fees allowable under the Statute. Please let me know the anticipated cost of providing the requested records so that Black Knight may forward a check for the appropriate amount to you.

As required by the Public Records Law, I look forward to your prompt response to this request and to receiving the electronic copy of the requested records within the timeframe set forth in the Statute.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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