## Legislative Constituent Management System (LCMS) Manual

The Legislative Constituent Management System (LCMS) is a state-official program used by the CA Legislature to log and access files for constituents and cases opened within a given District and under the representative of that District.

# Finding the Application/Logging In

In order to enter the computer system, you must be logged in through a staff member's account, using both a username and password to gain access.

An acceptable account to log in under is Angie's:

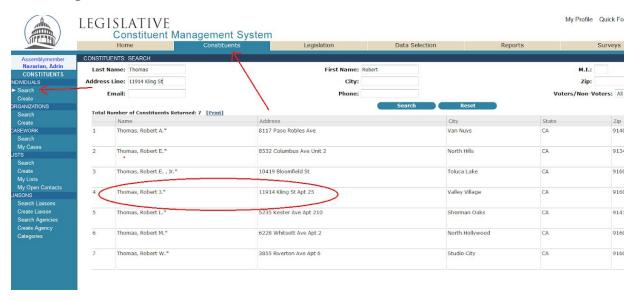
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### **Navigating the System**



On the home screen of LCMS, you will see the most current and relevant information open on the system. In the center of the home page, you will have access to any open cases that you have begun, along with the constituents involved in the case and the date that the case was created. On the right hand side of the screen, you will be able to select from one of three options: **New Constituent**, **New List Contact**, and **New Casework**. To create a file for a person within the District that is not yet in our system, you will go to **New Constituent**. To add a new constituent to a certain list, you will go to **New List Contact**. To open up a new casework for a constituent, you will go to **New Casework**. Underneath these options, those currently logged into the LCMS within your District will be displayed.

## **Recording Data in LCMS**



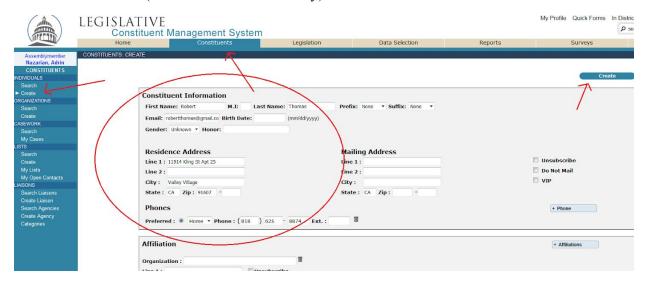
When receiving a call, email, letter, or in person message from a constituent on a particular bill or state-related issue that we assist with, you must log it into LCMS. In order to do this, you must either search for or create a file for the constituent involved in this case. Generally, you can find a constituent by searching up the full name and confirming it with their address, or any other given information such as their phone number or email. When searching for a constituent, you must enter their name precisely or the system will not be able to register the information correctly. If you are unsure of the correct spelling for a name, you may enter a "%" and it will display all possible options within the range of the text (ex. You receive a letter from a constituent whose writing is illegible, and you can't tell if it reads "Adam" or "Adan", you may input "Ada%" and it will show all possible results).

In order to record a constituent's stance on a bill, you will first either find and select their file or create a new file for them if they are not already in LCMS. Once you have done this, you should be on their file and see all available information on the constituent (name, address, phone number, events they have attended, bills or issues they have expressed their opinions on, etc.) On the upper right hand corner of their file, you will select "List". This will allow you to type in the List Name (e.g. legislative bill or a general issue), and select the constituent's stance on the bill.

### **Creating a New Constituent**

Under either the **Home** page or the **Constituents** tab, you may select to create a file for a new constituent. To do this under the home page, you will click on the **New Constituent** button on the upper right hand side of the screen. To do this under the **Constituents** tab, click on the **Create** option under the **Individuals** category on the left hand side of the screen. Once you select to create from either screen, you will enter all the given constituent information into the following page. Here, you will fill out the constituent's:

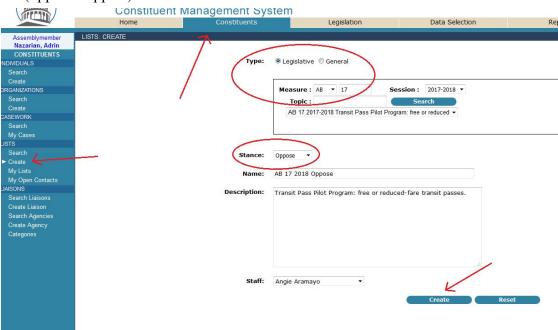
- 1. Full Name (First, M.I., Last)
- 2. Address
  - 1. Line 1- Address Number and Street Name
  - 2. Line 2- Apartment, Unit, Suite #
- 3. Email
- 4. Phone Number
  - 1. Home
  - 2. Cell
  - 3. Office (add extension if necessary)



You must have, at minimum, a full name and either an address or phone number/email that we may be able to reach them at. If a constituent calls to file a complaint, we must have some way of getting in contact with them in the future to follow up on the case.

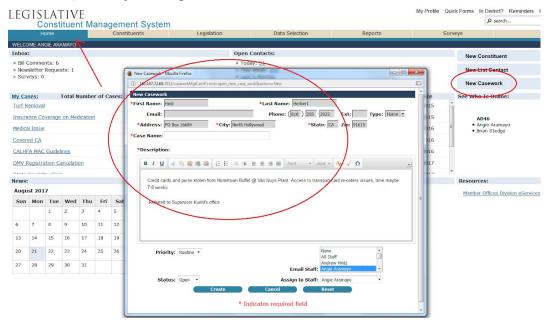
## **Creating a New List**

If you do not see a legislative bill or general stance on an issue already logged into the system when searching for it, you must create a list for it. When doing so, you will want to have information on either the bill or issue, as well as the stance on the topic. To create a new list for a legislative bill, you will first want to be on the **Constituents** tab of LCMS. Once you are under this tab, select the **Create** option under the **Lists** category on the drop down menu to the left hand side of the screen. If you are creating a new list for a particular bill (ex. AB 17, SB 562), you will want to select **Type: Legislative**. Under **Measure**, select the kind of legislative bill that you are creating (most likely either AB or SB), then enter the number of the bill. Once you press Search, LCMS will automatically register the information and select what bill this is using the name and description for the bill. Once you see this information appear, select the **Stance** on the bill (oppose/support) and select **Create**.



If you are creating a new list for a general issue (ex. Support Planned Parenthood), you will want to select **Type: General**. Under **Name**, give the list a title that will be able to be easily searched for and recognized for others to find. Under the **Description**, you may enter anything related to this list topic (if you do not have anything to put in the description, simply copy and paste the

# List Name). Once you complete this information, select Create.





### **Creating a New Casework**

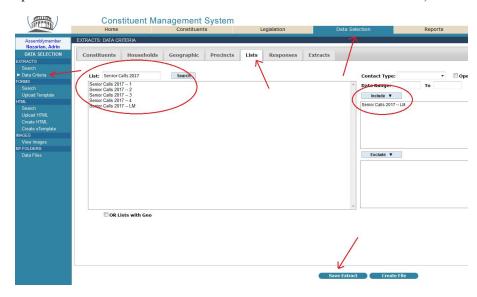
In order to open up a new casework, you will go to the LCMS home page and select **New Casework** on the right hand side of the screen. You will open up a new casework if you recognize that a constituent has called or come into the office to file a complaint on a state-related matter that we cover. It is important to have as much information on the case as possible, in order for a field representative to get back to the constituent on the issue. In order to file for a new casework, you will want to have:

- 1. The constituent's name
- 2. Case Title
- 3. Description

Give as much detail on the case as possible, in order for a field rep (Angie, Steven, Emma) to later look at the case file and be able to follow up with the constituent efficiently.

## **Pulling Data From LCMS**

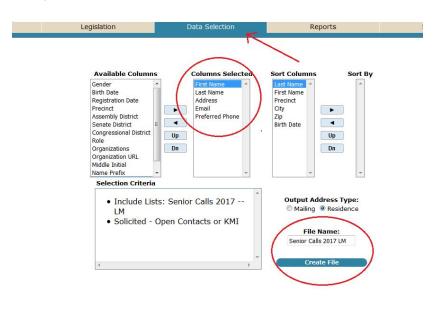
- 1. Open LCMS and click on the tab **Data Selection**
- 2. Under Data Selection, you will find a drop-down bar on the left-hand side. You will want to select from the first section on this menu, **Extracts**. Under the **Extracts** category, you will click on the subcategory **Data Criteria**.
- 3. After selecting this subcategory, a window will pop up with a number of different tabs to choose from. This will allow you pull lists based on a number of different factors.
- -First, click on the **Households** tab and uncheck the box that says "household the data" (this separates each individual constituent on the list from one another).



-Next, click on the Lists tab. It will ask you to search for the list that you want to pull data from, so type in the name of the list (ex. Senior Calls 2017 -- LM), select the list once it appears on the screen, and click Include on the right hand side of the screen. Afterward, save the extract, give it a title

under **Extract Name** and under **Type:**, you will select **Solicited Mail** (in order to close the contacts and not leave them on the list for future letters/emails to be sent to them). Then, click "Create". Finally, click "Qualify"- this will now display everyone on the call list to now be on the excel sheet (to confirm that it qualified each individual, look somewhere on the middle/upper right-hand side after this step and it should go from showing the number of individuals on the list from 0 to however many names are on the list).

-Next, click on the **Data File** tab.
Select what information to add in the Excel sheets. For most lists, you will select **First Name, Last Name,**Address, Preferred Phone Number,
Email Address to add to the Excel sheet. Then, click "Create File".
-Next, you are going to close the contacts on the list that was pulled. Again, this will allow you to use this list in the future to send letters to new LM contacts without sending another letter to those that you already sent messages to in the past. To do this, go



to **Lists** and click on **Mail To**. In this step, it is only important that for **Mail Type:**, you select **Solicited Mail**. For the **LCMS Template**, **Label**, and **Envelope** selections, it does not matter what you choose to input as long as you select something for each one.

### **How to Deduplicate in Excel**

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152 Patricia	Fernandez	9624 Odessa Ave	North Hills	CA	91343 (81	18) 895-7239 (home)						
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162 Alla	Kuznetsova	10010 Sophia Ave	North Hills	CA	91343 (81	18) 247-4958 (home)						
163 Gregorio	Arenas	10014 Woodley Ave	North Hills	CA	91343 (8)	18) 830-0481 (home)						
164 Manijeh	Ghahremani Aazami	10015 Whitaker Ave	North Hills	CA	91343 (81	18) 366-9369 (home)						
165 Lynn	Toler	10020 Montgomery Ave	North Hills	CA	91343 (81	18) 895-7654 (home)						
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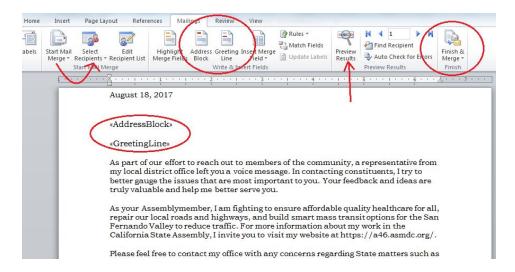
- 1. First, highlight a column that you want to use to de-duplicate (in this case, highlight the Address column).
- 2. Under the **Home** tab on the Excel document, click on the selection **Conditional Formatting** in the **Styles** category. Under the drop-down menu that opens for this selection, select **Highlight Cell Rules** and then **Duplicate Values**. Confirm that you are formatting cells that contain **Duplicate** values with **Light Red Fill with Dark Red Text** and click "OK".
- 3. Next, under the Editing category, select Sort & Filter and Custom Sort. First, sort by Address, Cell Color, and Red (on top). Then,

click Add Level and sort by Address, Values, and A to Z.

4. Combine any names that contain the same Last Name and Address. If there is a duplicate address but different last names, do not combine them.



- 5. Format the Excel sheet (Brian's preference)
- -Font: Bookman Old Style
- -Font Size: 10
- -Re-label & bold first line for each column (First, Last, Address, City, State, Zip, Phone, Email)
- -Create borders around each cell box.



## **How to Mail Merge on Word**

In order to utilize the data that you pull from LCMS, you will need to start a mail merge and transfer all of the information from the Excel sheet onto a given letter template.

- 1. Select **Start Mail Merge**, and under the drop down menu that appears with this option you will choose **Letters**.
- 2. Click on **Select Recipients**, and under the drop down menu that appears with this option you will choose **Use Existing List**. Find the Excel sheet with the list of names that you need and open it onto the document.
- 3. Select **Edit Recipient List** to see the names and confirm that they match up with the list you wanted to select.
- 4. At the top of the document, where you would put their name and mailing address, you will select **Address Block** from the **Mailings** tab and choose "Joshua and Cynthia Randall" as the name formatting.
- 5. Below the Address Block, add the **Greeting Line** and choose "Dear Joshua and Cynthia" as the greeting formatting.
- 6. From the **Mailings** tab, select **Preview Results** and make sure it looks the way you would like it to. If it does, select **Finish & Merge** and choose to **Edit Individual Documents**.