



AJR-20 Records: Jeffrey Epstein. (2025-2026)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2025–2026 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

NO. 20

Introduced by Assembly Member Bains

July 17, 2025

Relative to records.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 20, as introduced, Bains. Records: Jeffrey Epstein.

This measure would urge the President of the United States, the Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and other federal agencies to immediately and unconditionally release all records, as specified, related to Jeffrey Epstein and his associates, and would call for the thorough investigation of individuals named in those records and, if warranted, the prosecution of those individuals.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The United States is founded on the principles of justice, equality, and the rule of law, and no person, regardless of wealth, power, or political influence, is above accountability; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Epstein was a convicted sex offender with a documented history of human trafficking and abuse of minors, whose criminal enterprise operated over decades and may have involved numerous high-profile individuals from various sectors, including politics, business, entertainment, and international diplomacy; and

WHEREAS, The American people deserve full transparency about how such a network was able to operate in plain sight, avoid accountability, and compromise institutional integrity across government, finance, and media; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Epstein's death in 2019 while in federal custody occurred under highly suspicious circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Many records related to Mr. Epstein's activities remain sealed, redacted, or otherwise withheld from public view, thereby fueling mistrust in government institutions and the justice system; and

WHEREAS, The victims of Mr. Epstein's crimes, and the public at large, have a right to know the full truth and to see that those who enabled or participated in these abuses are held to account under the law; and

WHEREAS, The integrity of our democracy is strengthened by full disclosure and by shining light on the failures, omissions, or possible complicity of those in positions of power; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the President of the United States, the United States Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and all other relevant federal agencies to immediately and unconditionally release all documents, investigative files, and sealed court records related to Jeffrey Epstein and any associated individuals, unless specific, narrowly tailored redactions are required to protect ongoing prosecutions or the identities of victims; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature calls for any individuals named in these documents who are credibly implicated in crimes to be thoroughly investigated and, if warranted, prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, regardless of status or affiliation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.