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Erin

Via OPRA Machine: opra+request-64711-f166ad71@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request

Dear Ms. Erin:

Please be advised that your request for “name and exact date of hire of all newly hired employees during September 2023” and “name and exact date of hire of all newly hired employees during October 2023” does not identify a record in existence; instead, it is an impermissible request that our agency research and create a document responsive to your request, which our courts have prohibited:

While OPRA provides an alternative means of access to government documents not otherwise exempted from its reach, it is not intended as a research tool litigants may use to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information. Rather, OPRA simply operates to make identifiable government records “readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination.” See MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005).

Based on the foregoing, your request is denied.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Should you disagree with our decision, please contact us in writing with your concerns so that we may consider them.

Yours very truly,
Dina R. Khajezadeh
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