



City of Linden

Union County, New Jersey

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September 13, 2019

Michael
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Re: OPRA Request – #2019-848

Dear Michael:

The City of Linden (the "City") is in receipt of your public records request, dated September 9, 2019, which was submitted pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. ("OPRA").

You requested the following: See attached

Currently, your request fails to identify with reasonable clarity the specific government records sought, as required by Bent v. Stafford Police Department, 381 N.J. Super. 30, 37 (App. Div. 2005). At this time, we request clarification of your OPRA Request. Please respond in writing and identify the specific records sought so that we may process your request. Failure to provide written clarification of your request will result in the closure of this OPRA request.

If you feel that your request for access to a government record has been improperly denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision of the City of Linden to deny access. I have attached information, from the Government Records Council regarding the process to file a complaint.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Honan
Deputy Records Custodian
City of Linden

Joe Bodek

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From: Michael <opra+request-7218-1f342916@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Monday, September 09, 2019 3:38 PM
To: Joe Bodek
Subject: OPRA request - Attendes of meeting August 30 2019

Dear Linden City,

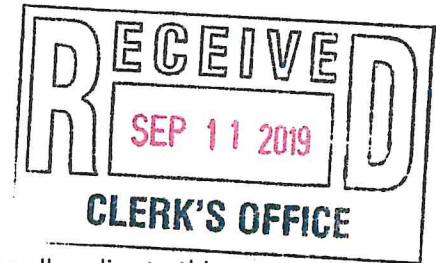
This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

I only wish the names of the attendees on august 30 2019, not the issue or the purpose. the partial list already know is Council President Michele Yamakaitis, 3rd Ward Councilman Peter Brown Jr., A unknown Linden police officer, 4th Ward Councilman Alfred Mohammed and another unknown male. Under state law, the attendees of a meeting are operable. even if the content or purpose is not operable.

Yours faithfully,

Michael



Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
opra+request-7218-1f342916@requests.opramachine.com

Is jbodek@linden-nj.org the wrong address for OPRA requests to Linden City? If so, please contact us using this form:
https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=linden_city

Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:

<https://opramachine.com/help/officers>

View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/attendes_of_meeting_august_30_201

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

New Jersey Government Records Council ("GRC")



What to do if your request for a record has been denied

The New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.) permits a person who believes that he or she has been unlawfully denied access to a public record either to file a complaint with the GRC or to file suit in Superior Court to challenge the decision and compel disclosure. This poster describes the procedures for taking such actions.

To file a complaint with the GRC:

- Visit the GRC's website at www.nj.gov/grc for information and to register your complaint. In the alternative, you may contact the GRC by telephone at 1-866-850-0511 or by e-mail at government.records@dca.nj.gov.
- When you file the written complaint, the GRC will offer both you and the public agency non-adversarial, impartial mediation. If mediation is not accepted or is not successful, the GRC will investigate the complaint.
- In some cases, the GRC can award attorney's fees to a complainant or impose a fine against a records custodian.
- There is no fee to file a complaint with the GRC.

To file a complaint in Superior Court:

- A requestor may start a summary (expedited) lawsuit in the Superior Court. A written complaint and order to show cause must be filed with the court.
- The court requires a filing fee, and you must serve the lawsuit papers on the appropriate parties.
- The court will schedule a hearing to resolve the dispute.
- If you disagree with the court's decision, you may appeal the decision to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.
- If you are successful, you may be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.
- You may wish to consult with an attorney to learn about initiating and pursuing a summary lawsuit in the Superior Court.
- Filing suit in Superior Court may result in a faster resolution, because the courts adjudicate cases every day, whereas the GRC only meets once a month.

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