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Via email

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Re: Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") Request

Dear Mr. Petrolino:

Our office represents the Borough of Englishtown ("Borough"). Please accept this correspondence in response to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA") request you submitted to the Borough.

Your request seeks the following records:

Any and all documents - including meeting minutes - pertaining to the "censure" and/or "censure" votes of Councilman Brenden Sharkey.

Your request is denied because it is overly broad and vague. Under OPRA, a valid request must identify specific, identifiable government records. Requests seeking "any and all documents," are improper as they require the custodian to conduct research, evaluate records, and determine responsiveness which fall outside the scope of OPRA. See N.J. Builders Ass'n v. N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J. Super. 166 (App. Div. 2007) (holding that a request for "any and all documents and data" was overly broad and did not obligate the agency to respond); see also Bent v. Stafford Police Dep't, 381 N.J. Super. 30 (App. Div. 2005). Moreover, the request

is overly broad in the absence of any timeframe and is insufficient to reasonably identify particular records.

To cure these deficiencies, you may submit a revised request that identifies specific records (e.g., particular meeting minutes, resolutions, or correspondence) and includes a reasonable timeframe (e.g., specific dates or date ranges). Upon receipt of a properly tailored request, the Borough will process it in accordance with OPRA.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Veronica A. Acevedo
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