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Office of the Township Clerk, Susan Witkowski



October 12, 2023

Kristen Sawyer opra+request-53870-411c63d1@requests.opramachine.com

Dear Ms. Sawyer,

The Township of Washington received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on October 10, 2023. The official Records Custodian, Susan Witkowski, received your OPRA request on October 11, 2023. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is October 20, 2023. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 2nd business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

All emails to/from town council involving Doug/Douglas Cusato containing these terms:

"Library", "Book or Books", "LGBTQ or LGBT"

Currently, your request fails to identify with reasonable clarity the specific government records sought, as is 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 as to the date range of such records. Please respond in writing and identify the specific date(s) of these government 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 your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the Township of Washington to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

Susan Witkowski, RMC
Records Custodian, Township of Washington
switkowski@twpofwashington.us

OR-554

-----Original Message-----

From: Kristen Sawyer <opra+request-53870-411c63d1@requests.opramachine.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 2:10 PM

To: Town Clerk <townclerk@twpofwashington.us>

Subject: OPRA request - Emails to town council

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TOWNSHIP CLERK

Caution: External E-mail

Dear Washington Township (Bergen),

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:

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Yours faithfully,

Kristen Sawyer

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:

opra+request-53870-411c63d1@requests.opramachine.com

Is townclerk@twpofwashington.us the wrong address for OPRA requests to Washington Township (Bergen)? If so, please contact us using this form:

https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=washington_township_bergen

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View this OPRA request & responses online:

https://opramachine.com/request/emails_to_town_council

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