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NJPRA

Re: Township of Clark OPRA Request – Employment Conflict

Dear NJPRA:

The Township of Clark received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on May 25, 2022. The official Records Custodian, Edith Merkel, received your OPRA request on May 25, 2022. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is June 6, 2022. This response to your request is being provided to you on the Third business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

Your OPRA request sought access to the following:

1. Name, title, position, date of hire, type of relationship and to who (from 2010 to present date) employed by any public entity (i.e.: Clark Board of Education) and/or any private company, that have a contractual/financial obligation/agreement with the Township of Clark, who are an immediate relative (see reference/definition below) of any Township elected or appointed official (i.e.: Mayor, Council Member, Business Administrator, Municipal Clerk), department head, director, manager, supervisor or in any other type of supervisor role.

Your request is denied since no document is maintained by the Township in regard to anyone employed by the Township or any private company that has a contractual/financial obligation/agreement with the Township who is an immediate relative of any Township or elected or appointed official or any supervisory position.

As to the Clark Board of Education, that is a separate entity from the Township and the Township is not the custodian of records for said entity.

This response is being transmitted to you electronically via email to following address as per your request:

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A list of OPRA's exemptions is attached to this response letter.

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 [insert name of agency] 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 Council 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,

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Cc: Edith Merkel, Township Clerk (Via Email: clerk@ourclark.com)