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Via Email at opra+request-19156-d06ec1cc@requests.opramachine.com

S. Elaine

Re: OPRA Request No.122320-1

Dear S. Elaine:

Stockton University's Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Custodian received your OPRA Request on December 23, 2020. Except as otherwise stated in the statute, OPRA provides that records are to be made accessible within seven (7) business days, unless they are in storage, archived, or otherwise cannot be made available within that time. Please be advised the University will be closed starting at noon on December 24, 2020 through January 3, 2021 for the holidays and will resume business Monday, January 4, 2021. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is January 11, 2021.

Your OPRA Request sought access to the following:

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:

All grant submissions and all correspondence to and from Stockton University in reference to the Stockton Performing Arts Center, Noyes Museum, Arts Garage, and 48 Blocks that was provided to the New Jersey Council on the Arts from July 1, 2020 until December 31, 2020.

Your request is invalid because it is overly broad and requires the Custodian to conduct research and because it requires the Custodian to research/read through all University correspondence to determine and locate references to the Stockton Performing Arts Center, Noyes Museum, Arts Garage, 48 Blocks, and the New Jersey Council on the Arts. *"OPRA is 'not intended [to be] a research tool [that] litigants may use to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information.'" Simmons v. Mercado, 464 N.J. Super. 77, 83, 234 A.3d 304, 307 (App. Div. 2020) (quoting MAG Entertainment, LLC v. Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 546 (App. Div. 2005)).*

Please respond in writing and identify the specific government records sought so that we may process your request. Failure to provide written clarification of your request by January 7, 2021, will result in the closure of this OPRA request.

If your request for access to a government record has been denied, you have a right to challenge the decision 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 its web site located at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about OPRA. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

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