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Via Email: opra+request-24179-b9890a8d@requests.opramachine.com

July 23, 2021

Shelly Kennedy

Re: OPRA Request 0998-21

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

I am in receipt of your recent OPRA request, whereby you requested the following:

1. Total amount of funding received from CTCL (aka Center for Tech and Civic Life)
-- both in this immediately past election cycle, and
-- in any previous election cycles going back to Jan 1 2020
2. Any grants awarded from or submitted to Center for Tech and Civic Life (aka CTCL)
3. The dollar amount of such grants in #2 above.
4. How was the money in #3 above spent? Provide specific categories and spending amounts in every election cycle which used funding from CTCL.
5. Minutes of the Board of Elections meetings during which Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) and its funding was discussed and/or approved
6. Provide a copy of any CTCL grant applications
7. Provide a digital copy (PDF or image) of emails where "CTCL" or "Center for Tech and Civic Life" is mentioned since 1 Jan 2020.

Attached please find the documents responsive to items 1, 2, 3 and 6 your request. Please be advised that a search of our files indicates that there are no documents or records made, maintained or kept on file responsive to items 4 and 5 of your request. Please be further advised that the Burlington County Board of Elections is a distinct entity from the County of Burlington with its own records custodian.

Please be advised that your request for "a digital copy (PDF or image) of emails where "CTCL" or "Center for Tech and Civic Life" is mentioned since 1 Jan 2020" is denied as overly broad. Pursuant to the GRC decision in Elcavage in order for a request for emails to be sufficiently specific under OPRA the request must identify a reasonable time frame, the sender and/or recipient, and the subject. See Elcavage v. West Milford Township GRC Complaint no. 2009-07 April 2010). The request fails to identify a subject, sender/recipient, or time frame for the requested email search, and as such is overly broad. Notwithstanding the above, attached please find emails between Carolyn Havlick and Center for Tech and Civic Life for the specified time frame. Please be advised that telephone numbers and a bank account number were redacted from the enclosed documents to

protect the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 and N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1. Additionally, draft documents and/or recommendations have been withheld as they are exempt from disclosure under the "inter-agency or intra-agency advisory, consultative or deliberative material" exemption pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

I am also obligated to inform you that if you believe I have erred in withholding documents, you have the right to bring an action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, or to appeal to the Government Records Council. The Council can be reached at (609) 633-6337 or by mail at PO Box 819, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Godfrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

ASHLEY GODFREY
Deputy Custodian of Public Records
Burlington County