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Rola Fares, Township Clerk

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:

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Attn: Hudson Media Project

RE: OPRA REQUEST # 54-22

Dear Hudson Media Project:

As you are aware, the Township of Weehawken is in receipt of your Open Public Records Act Request (OPRA) with respect to the above referenced matter. As per said request and on behalf of the Township Clerk, attached herewith please find the following identifiable government records responsive to your request:

Request: All media contracts and invoices/records of payment from Jan 1, 2015 to Dec 1, 2020 with the following entities:

1. The Jersey Journal/Evening Journal Association 2. New Jersey Advance Media/NJ.com 3. News12NJ/News 12 Networks/Alice USA 4. Hudson Reporter/Newspaper Media Group 5. Hudson Media Group/Pat O'Melia 6. Hudson TV/Hudson County TV/Julio Reynoso 7. Hudson County View/John Heinis 8. Real Talk on The Hudson/Talking Politics with Fernando Uribe/Fernando Uribe 9. InsiderNJ/Max Pizarro and/or Pete Oneglia

Response: The documents for the records requested are voluminous as will be the retrieval of same. The township estimates the requested retrieval and reproduction of the requested vouchers and invoices would require 4 finance personnel approximately 48 hours to complete. The hourly rate of these employees is combined \$115.74 per hour totaling approximately \$5,555.52.

The total request will take approximately forty-eight (48) hours to complete. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i, the Township would request an additional twelve (12) weeks to respond to your request.

Due to the volume of your request, the Township will need to assess a special service charge in connection with for the fulfillment same due to the extraordinary expenditure of time and effort that will be required to fulfill it. OPRA allows public agencies to impose a special service charge whenever the nature, format, manner of collation or volume of a governmental record embodied in the form of printed matter to be inspected, examined, or copied pursuant to this section is such that the record cannot be reproduced by ordinary document copying equipment in ordinary business size of when fulfilling a request requires an extraordinary expenditure of time and effort. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.c. The Township will assess an additional special service charge based on the hourly rate of the lowest level employee capable of fulfilling the copying of the request and may also include third-party charges if special copying equipment is required.

In this particular case the Township estimates it would take the lowest capable employees approximately an additional forty-eight (48) hours to review and redact the documents you are requesting. Those employees and their salaries are listed below; The Township will require you to place a deposit for the salary of that employee prior to the beginning of the work.

- Elena Robayo \$27.17
- Jose Lopez \$39.19
- Elvin Sosa \$28.73
- Lenny Rodriguez \$20.65

Combined salaries \$115.74 per hour, totaling approximately \$5,555.52.
The Township will require a deposit of \$5,555.52, any overage will be returned to you. The Township will begin its production of the requested documents upon receipt of same. If a less voluminous request might also fulfill your informational needs, please reach out to me at the township clerk's office to discuss that with them.

Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
/s/ Mileen Negron-Hernandez
Mileen Negron-Hernandez
Township Clerk's Office