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Via Email: opra+request-90393-317d0172@requests.opramachine.com
Anonymous Resident

Re: OPRA Request to the Township of Clark

Dear Anonymous Resident:

This firm serves as OPRA counsel to the Township of Clark. The Township of Clark received your request pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) and the common law on April 24, 2026. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is May 5, 2026. This response to your request is being provided to you on the 2nd business day after the custodian's receipt of said request.

Your request sought access to the following:

I am requesting emails sent or received between April 22, 2024 and present that reference or relate to the Municipal Excess Liability (MEL) Joint Insurance Fund (JIF), including but not limited to the terms "MEL," "JIF," "Joint Insurance Fund," or "Municipal Excess Liability."

This request is limited to emails involving the following positions:

**Mayor
Business Administrator**

**Chief Financial Officer
Township Attorney
Clerk / Records Custodian
Any designated JIF Fund Commissioner or alternate**

Please be advised that your request requires additional time beyond the seven (7) business days to be fulfilled due to the scope of the request. OPRA allows extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. Your request requires an extension of time until May 19, 2026 to allow the Township to compile and review the potentially responsive records in accordance with New Jersey law.

Sincerely,
La Corte, Bundy, Varady & Kinsella

/s/Robert F. Varady
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cc: Edith Merkel, Township Clerk (via email)