



Township of Green

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January 6, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY – opra+request-38190-f8baaOac@requests.opramachine.com
Jacob Toby

Re: OPRA Request from Jacob Toby Received December 28, 2022

Dear Jacob Toby:

This is in response to the above-referenced request (the “Request”) pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. (“OPRA”), which was received by email on December 28, 2022. As the records custodian for Green Township, I have reviewed the Request, in which you state:

“1) does the city / town assign your municipal Liens”

Response: I am denying this portion of the Request because it is not a request for any “identifiable” government records. See MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 375 N.J. Super. 534, 549 (App. Div. 2005). A proper OPRA request “must identify with reasonable clarity those documents that are desired.” Burke v. Brandes, 429 N.J. Super. 169, 174 (App. Div. 2012). Moreover, “OPRA does not require record custodians to conduct research among its records for a requestor and correlate data from various government records in the custodian’s possession.” MAG, 375 N.J. Super. at 546-47. OPRA is not a research tool, and it cannot be used “to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information.” See id. at 546. Rather, OPRA simply operates “to make identifiable government records ‘readily accessible for inspection, copying, or examination.’” Ibid. (citing N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1).

“2) can we have a list of all tax lien investors”

Response: Requested record is attached.

“3) can we have a list of all properties that are in bankruptcy”

Response: There are no records responsive to your request.

“4) can we have a list of all properties that have liens on them dating back to 2002 until today”

Response: Requested records are attached.

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"5) "can we have a list of all properties that are in probate"

Response: There are no records responsive to your request.

"6) can we have a list of all vacant and abandoned properties"

Response: There are no records responsive to your request

I trust that this fulfills your OPRA request. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (908) 852-9333 Ext. 11.

Sincerely yours,



Patty DeCleis, RMC
Deputy Clerk

Attachments