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Subject: Baffi Simmons v. Wendy Mercado - OPRA Supreme Court Decision
Date: Friday, July 9, 2021 2:04:52 PM
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[image003.png](#)
[Simmons v Mercado - NJ SC.pdf](#)

Jim – Attached is a copy of the NJ Supreme Court decision we discussed earlier.

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From: [Erin Gill](#)
To: [Frank Marshall](#)
Subject: FW: Important OPRA Decision - NJLM Amicus Request
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:50:59 AM
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[image008.png](#)
[rise against hate v CHT reply brief.pdf](#)
[rise against hate v CHT plaintiff brief.pdf](#)
[Defendants answer to complaint.pdf](#)

Frank – attached are the briefs filed in this matter. I will get the letter from the Mayor over to you today as well. I think the summary I sent last week properly sums-up the importance of this case from our perspective, so please feel free to use this for number 4.

Thanks!

Erin Patterson Gill, Esq.

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From: Brandon Hawkins <@.>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Erin Gill <@.>; Emeshe Arzon <@.>
Cc: Michael Miles <@.>
Subject: RE: Important OPRA Decision - NJLM Amicus Request

Erin,

See attached.

From: Erin Gill <@.>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:38 PM
To: Emeshe Arzon <@.>; Brandon Hawkins <@.>
Cc: Michael Miles <@.>
Subject: FW: Important OPRA Decision - NJLM Amicus Request

Brandon –

Could you please send me the briefs that were filed, both by us, as well as RAH, in this matter?

Thanks!

Erin

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Erin,

Nice speaking with you today. As I mentioned on our call the League would be happy to entertain the prospect of joining as amicus in the Rise Against Hate v. Cherry Hill matter. Before the League can join as amicus there is a review process that must be followed which requires a few items from the requesting party. I have listed these items below:

1. A letter signed by the mayor requesting League intervention as amicus. (Two examples of this is attached.)
2. All briefs submitted by each party, at any applicable court level.
3. Any decisions issued by any court. (I already have a copy of the superior court opinion.)
4. A short synopsis of the matter. (I have a copy of this from your initial email to Mike Cerra that I can use, but feel free to supplement if you think it is warranted.)

Once I have all of these items they will be forwarded to the League's "Amicus Committee" which consists of a number of municipal attorneys who will review the matter and decide if it warrants League intervention. Once a decision has been made you will receive notice regarding League intervention. The review process usually takes between 1-2 weeks.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,
Frank

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Subject: FW: Support Opposition to Legislative Proposals Regarding S-1045 OPMA & S-1046 OPRA
Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 7:04:38 PM
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Please review and respond by Monday, March 7, 2022.
On Tuesday, could I get a summary of all payments?

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From: Dina Zawadski [mailto:@.]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 12:26 PM
To: Lori Buckelew
Subject: FW: Support Opposition to Legislative Proposals Regarding S-1045 OPMA & S-1046 OPRA

Hi Lori:

I'm in a meeting however I want to make sure you received this. I will reach out to you this afternoon if you're available.

Thanks.
Dina

From: @. [mailto:@.] **On Behalf Of** MCANJ IT Committee
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 1:50 PM
To: @.
Subject: Support Opposition to Legislative Proposals Regarding S-1045 OPMA & S-1046 OPRA

Please support "Resolution Expressing Opposition to Legislative Proposals Regarding S-1045 OPMA and S-1046 OPRA"

MCANJ Executive Board Members have reviewed these bills and still find we cannot support these bills. Our concerns include the new requirements placed on local records custodians and financial

obligations that would be imposed on local government. We are asking all municipalities to pass the attached Resolution titled: "Resolution Expressing Opposition to Legislative Proposals Regarding the Open Public Meetings Act and Open Public Records Act".

Attached is the link you can review in summary the amendments to these bills:

<https://njlmblog.wordpress.com/2017/09/06/opra-and-opma-bills-amended/>

Please file a certified copy of this Resolution with the legislative sponsors of Senate Bill Nos. S-1045 and S-1046 and Assembly Bill Nos. A-2697 and A-2699, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the President of the Senate, and the Governor. Please copy the Executive Board President at xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx

Respectfully,
Dina L. Zawadski, RMC/CMC
MCANJ President

From: [Anonymous Requestor](#)
To: [OPRA requests at NJSLOM](#)
Subject: OPRA request - NJ League of Municipalities Records Involving OPRA (Open Public Records Act)
Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022 12:19:53 AM

Dear New Jersey State League of Municipalities,

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.

Relevant Background & Opinions of Anonymous Requester

Irvington Township recently filed a rather disturbing lawsuit that shocked and upset a great number of New Jerseyans. It quickly became a big, statewide news story covered by many NJ news outlets.

The presumably frivolous lawsuit brought by Irvington (since abandoned) was brought against a female, African American, senior citizen OPRA requester that required the intervention of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) to apparently "encourage" Irvington to dismiss the inappropriate lawsuit brought in apparent retaliation against this woman for exercising her right to free speech, her right to petition for a redress of grievances, and her rights under OPRA and common law.

Similar tactics appear to be a new and upcoming trend among New Jersey Municipalities to attack, belittle, defame, sue, threaten, and portray OPRA requesters as "problems" when they are simply exercising their very important, very lawful, and very much protected rights under New Jersey's Open Public Records Act.

In this regard, it was brought to my attention by an aide to a former New Jersey State Senator that the New Jersey League of Municipalities is a staunch opponent of the Open Public Records Act in its current form, and that the NJLM has been actively lobbying to have OPRA requesters CHARGED SUBSTANTIAL FEES for records responsive to their OPRA requests (currently there is rarely a fee for digital records) in an attempt to actively thwart public inquiries into government activities behind closed doors. OPRA, by contrast, is designed to shine a light on these hidden activities. Such government transparency needs to increase, not decrease, and definitely not be thwarted by politicians who fear the light of public inquiry into their often improper, inappropriate, wasteful, and/or illegal activities.

It appears that the NJLM may be involved in encouraging and advising various New Jersey municipal leaders in such a way that these leaders often feel far more inclined to attack, bully, harass, threaten, demean, intimidate, retaliate against, obstruct, dissuade, and otherwise undermine legitimate OPRA requesters in various ways -- often using very similar language.

The language of these increasingly common complaints made by municipal leaders against benign and well-meaning OPRA requesters appears eerily similar, as they often seem to use the same keywords and catch-phrases in their (often defamatory) attacks on OPRA requesters such as "voluminous requests," "unduly burdensome," and "harass, bully, and harm municipal employees," even when they are simple, ordinary, and infrequent requests.

In short, municipal leaders are actively dodging their responsibilities under OPRA and trying to blame requesters for their own failures and violations of OPRA, instead of simply responding to often very basic and straightforward OPRA requests in a timely, respectful, and professional manner -- and that needs to end.

As such, I am requesting records from the NJ League of Municipalities involving these increasingly-used keywords and catch-phrases as they relate to or involve OPRA requests and OPRA requesters.

- End of relevant background and personal opinions -

Records requested:

Copies of any and all public records containing one or more of the following keywords in relation to

communications and documents specifically involving "OPRA" or the "Open Public Records Act" (see search details below list):

"Frivolous"
"Unduly"
"Burden"
"Burdened"
"Burdensome"
"Overburden"
"Overburdening"
"Overburdened"
"Time consuming"
"Voluminous"
"Expensive"
"Harass"
"Harassment"
"Harm"
"Abuse"
"Stalk"
"Stalking"
"Intimidate"
"Intimidating"
"Too Many"
"Irvington"
"Elouise McDaniel"
"McDaniel"
"Tony Vauss"
"Vauss"
"Resolution"
"Lawsuit"
"Legislation"

Please search each keyword above individually in relation to records specifically discussing or involving OPRA, the Open Public Records Act, OPRA requests, OPRA complaints filed against records custodians, OPRA-handling strategies and suggestions for municipal records custodians and clerks, OPRA opinion pieces, and similar OPRA-related records.

One way to do this effectively would be to search for a individual "Keyword" in the list above plus the word "OPRA" such as:

"Voluminous" and "OPRA" ... searched together, and then...

"Voluminous" and "Open Public Records Act" ... again, searched together...

And then repeating this process for every keyword in the list in relevant records sources such as emails, text messages, meeting minutes, audio/video transcripts, etc, to locate all relevant records.

"Parties" should include representatives (agents, officers, and employees) of the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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Time frame for this request should be January 1, 2018 to present.

Types of communications and documents should include but not be limited to emails, letters, publications, speeches, text/SMS messages, audio recordings (i.e. in-person meetings, voicemails, text message voicemails, etc.), video recordings (i.e. Zoom meetings, conventions, public speakers, etc.), online posts, online articles, trainings,

presentations, curriculum, newsletter articles, memos, books, manuals, opinion pieces, editorials, agendas, minutes, templates, sample or draft resolutions, sample or draft legislation, and other records discussing OPRA-related matters that include any of the keywords in the list above.

I request that responsive records be provided in searchable PDF format as an email reply.

I believe this request is clearly defined, highly specific, not overly-broad, and includes all necessary elements for a targeted and specific search of public records. However, if you believe this request requires additional clarification or a further narrowing in some way, please specify whatever you deem to be overly broad or not specific enough so that I may consider clarifying/narrowing my request further.

Thank you in advance for your timely and professional handling of my request.

Yours faithfully,

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[2008-16, Calling for OPRA Reform.doc](#)
[2010-03, OPRA Fees-11-16-2010.doc](#)
[2014-04 OPRA Buena Vista.doc](#)

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Attachments: [League Municipal Directory 2021.pdf](#)

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In response to your records request, please find attached to this email a PDF copy of the League's 2021 Municipal Directory.

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