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Hi Olivia, I'm copying Lori Buckelew, who is our point person on this issue and formerly a municipal clerk. She can speak to more specifics.

I can tell you that concerns being cited in the resolution are ones that we hear statewide and it's certainly a recurrent issue. The concept of a task force goes back to a resolution passed at the League conference in 2018 (see attached). There is legislation to do so…sponsored by Assemblyman Ron Dancer in the Assembly and Senator Corrado in the Senate. To date, neither bill has advanced and we hope to see some advancement in 2020. The resolution that was passed is likely based on a template resolution prepared by the Municipal Clerks Association and in which we have also shared. Lori may be able to pinpoint the number, but the League is copied on the resolutions and they are coming in fast, especially considering they were only distributed last month.

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From: Olivia Rizzo [mailto:ORizzo@njadvancemedia.com]
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Hi Michael,

I'm working on a story about the effectiveness of OPRA in NJ municipalities. At a recent township committee meeting, Montgomery Township passed a resolution asking for a commission to review the open public records act. The main points in their resolution are that OPRA's are costly for them to fulfill, and they are often overwhelmed by requests from companies that send out junk mail to their residents.

Do you know of any other towns that have expressed similar issues or if the league has any information about a commission for OPRA being formed?

You can reach me via email or on my cell phone 609-649-2991.

Thanks,
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