

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.

With respect to email records, please provide them in a PDF in "landscape" orientation and include the following fields: Sender/Receiver, To/From, Cc, Bcc, Subject, Body of Email, Email Attachments, all embedded images, Date, and Time.

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,

Anonymous Requestor

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxxxxxx

Is xxxx@xxxxxx.xxx the wrong address for OPRA requests to New Jersey State League of Municipalities? If so, please contact us using this form:
https://opramachine.com/change_request/new?body=njslom

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View this OPRA request & responses online:
https://opramachine.com/request/nj_league_of_municipalities_reco

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

From: [@x](#)
To: [@x](#)
Subject: Powerpoint From Responding to the OPRA and Recent Case Law Webinar
Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:23:47 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
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To: [Danielle Holland](#)
Cc: [Carl Woodward](#)
Subject: RE: Friendly Reminder for the "OPRA and Recent GRC Decisions Webinar" on April 23
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:12:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[2021 NJLM Recent OPRA Decisions \(Combined Presentation\).pptx](#)
Importance: High

Good evening Danielle,

Attached you will find a copy of our combined presentation for Friday. Fortunately, it looks like many of the questions posed to you will be answered throughout the course of the presentation.

Additionally, the quiz questions have true/false answers and are as follows (with slide number):

Quiz Question 1 (Slide 30) - A custodian failing to respond within an extended time frame results in a "deemed" denial of access.

Answer: True

Quiz Question 2 (Slide 58) - An agency is not required to respond to OPRA requests while the custodian is away on a 4-week European backpacking trip.

Answer: False

Quiz Question 3 (Slide 99) - A request for e-mails to/from the Mayor between 7/1/20 and 9/30/20 containing the keyword "and" is a valid OPRA request.

Answer: False

I included an explanation of each answer within the slide that obviously wouldn't fit within the quiz function.

If you need any changes made or find an errors that need to be addressed within the presentation, let me know and I can get on the corrections asap.

Sincerely,

Frank F. Caruso

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Executive Director

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From: Danielle Holland <xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx>

Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 11:18 AM

To: Caruso, Frank (DCA) <xxxxx.xxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx>; Carl Woodward
<xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Friendly Reminder for the " OPRA and Recent GRC Decisions Webinar" on April 23

Importance: High

Dear Frank and Carl,

Thank you for agreeing to speak at the **“OPRA and Recent GRC Decisions Webinar “ on April 23,2021 from 9:00am-12:45pm.**

Attached here is the Agenda for the webinar and the attendee list. Please review it and if you have any questions please let me know.

In addition to reviewing the agenda I will also need:

Materials:

1. **A Copy of Your PowerPoint Presentation**
2. **The Three Quiz Questions you would like to ask in the order they should be given.** Please note, they need to be multiple choice

Also, please indicate at what point in your presentation that you would like them asked by putting a slide in that says “Quiz Question “at two different intervals

Character Limits for Quiz Questions- The character limits for the quiz questions are as follows:

- Quiz Question:120 Characters(including spaces)
- Quiz Answer: 60 Characters(including spaces)

Please try to have these materials to me by **Wednesday, April 21, 2021** at the latest.

Day of Webinar:

To allow for proper testing and to resolve any issues, we ask that you log into the webinar with your speaker link at **8:30am at the latest.**

Thank you again for volunteering to speak at a League Webinar. I am looking forward to working with you! Have a great weekend!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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To: [@x](#)
Subject: RE: OPRA - Daniels Law
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 1:20:41 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[PL 2020 c 125.PDF](#)

Raymond,

The section of the bill you referenced (Section 7) is codified at N.J.S.A. 56:8-166.2. I have attached a copy of the Pamphlet Law for reference.

Frank

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From: Raymond J. Went, Jr. [mailto:[@x](#)]
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 2:15 PM
To: Frank Marshall
Subject: OPRA - Daniels Law

Frank:

Thank you for speaking with me this week. Again, I represent the City of Port Republic. As a follow-up to our conversation, it appears the attached, highlighted bill language never made it into the most recent amended statute. Does that sound right?

Thanks,

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From: @x
To: @x
Subject: FW: OPRA Request
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:49:26 AM
Attachments: [opra_request_sandyston.pdf](#)

Good Morning Mr. Penna,

Happy Tuesday

With our last discussion regarding OPRA Requests and “Daniel’s Law”, I, along with many Clerks in Sussex County (probably all of NJ) have received this OPRA Request below.

This is an **out of state request**, again for a delinquent taxes report along with open permits and code violations.

This is clearly another OPRA Request for PROFIT by a company and not what OPRA was designed for in providing the taxpayers with transparency in government.

Seems to be more and more of these, just wanted to share with you.

“Amy”

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From: Arlea Bua <xxxxxxxx@xxxxx.xxx>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:27 PM
To: xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx
Subject: OPRA Request

Hi,

Please see attached OPRA request, I am requesting a list of properties that are delinquent in taxes as well as a list of properties that have open permits/code violations if possible.

Thank you!

Arlea Bua

From: xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx
To: xxxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx; xxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx
Subject: Fw: OPRA Request - Sussex - Sandyston
Date: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 1:47:07 PM
Attachments: [Sussex - Sandyston - RAW - 4Q.pdf](#)
[Rong Hon - OPRA Request.pdf](#)

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From: Rong Hon <xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xx>

Sent: Monday, February 15, 2021 8:46 AM

To: xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx

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To: "Bob Neff (~~xxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xx~~)" <~~xxxxxxx@xxxxxx.xx~~>
Subject: FW: Invitation to Preside Over OPRA Conference Session

Bob,

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Kim

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To: Kimberly Jungfer
Subject: Invitation to Preside Over OPRA Conference Session
Importance: High

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Dear Mayor Neff,

The League of Municipalities is in the process of planning the 101st Annual Conference in Atlantic City. Attached here, is a Conference session that you may be interested in presiding over. It is titled "OPRA and Records Management" and it will run on Thursday, November 17 from 2:00pm-3:40pm. Let me know if you are interested in presiding over this conference session.

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To: [xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx](#)
Cc: [Christina Harvey](#); [Peter Lederman](#); [Richard Galex](#)
Subject: League OPRA Request
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:04:42 AM
Attachments: [OPRA Request 5.5.20.pdf](#)

Mr. Marshall: I contacted your office and understand you are working remotely. The attached OPRA Request was faxed on May 5, 2020.

Kindly advise what the status of our request is.

Thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

Mary Cagnini

**Legal Assistant to Michael D. Schottland, Esq.
and Christina Vassiliou Harvey, Esq.**

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From: xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx
To: xxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xx.xxx; xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx
Subject: More Attendee Questions for OPRA WEbinar
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:35:22 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[OPRA Questions.docx](#)
Importance: High

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I received a bunch of questions from attendees over the weekend for the OPRA webinar on Friday. I have attached them here.

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To: [@x](#)
Subject: abuse of OPRA process & harassment
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:44:55 PM

Are legislators seriously consider amending current legislation to include protections for municipalities from requests that are an abuse of the OPRA process and constitutes harassment?

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Township of Marlboro
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Marlboro, NJ 07746-2247

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From: @x
To: @x
Subject: FW: OPRA form for Independence
Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 10:50:17 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[OPRA Independence.pdf](#)

Good Morning,

I am forwarding the OPRA request form needed for the most recent police bargaining contract you have on file. If there is anything else you need please let me know.

Thank you,
Kim Neumann

From: Taran Samhammer
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Intern <@x>
Subject: OPRA form for Independence

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Subject: Sweeney opposes removing legislative OPRA exemption
Date: Thursday, January 9, 2020 2:53:19 PM

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By [Nikita Biryukov](#), January 06 2020 1:42 pm

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Subject: Sweeney opposes removing legislative OPRA exemption
Date: Monday, January 6, 2020 2:38:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

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By [Nikita Biryukov](#), January 06 2020 1:42 pm

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<https://newjerseyglobe.com/legislature/sweeney-opposes-removing-legislative-opra-exemption/>

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