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Opra

From: Thomas Cusick
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 2:34 PM
To: Opra
Cc: chiefohare@aol.com; Ginger Rogan
Subject: FW: OPRA request - OPRA Request

-----Original Message-----

From: Matt Smith <opra+request-24666-2a14b7a9@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Thomas Cusick <thomas.cusick@keansburg-nj.us>
Subject: OPRA request - OPRA Request

Dear Keansburg Borough,

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Yours faithfully,

Matt Smith

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To : Thomas Cusick, Borough Clerk

From: Raymond B. O'Hare, Borough Manager



Subj: OPRA Request

Date: July 21, 2021

Please be advised there were no communications between Raymond B. O'Hare and vin.gopal@directdevelopment.com and vgopal@marketmeprinting.com.

To : Thomas Cusick, Borough Clerk

From: Raymond B. O'Hare, Borough manager 

Subj: OPRA Request

Date: July 20, 2021

Attached please find all communications existing as requested by OPRA request regarding emails between vin@vimgopal.com. And Raymond B. O'Hare

Also be advised there were no emails between ehough9554@optonline.net and Raymond B. O'Hare.

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From: chiefohare@aol.com,
To: declan@fsdenterprises.com,
Subject: 4th party
Date: Mon, Jun 14, 2021 9:47 am
Attachments: 20210614084608.pdf (73K), 20210614084623.pdf (129K)

Senator,

Since I moved to Holmdel I have had a party each 4th of July weekend. This year the party is on Sat, July 3rd.

It is a great family day. Last year we had around 170 people. I had to limit it due to Covid-19.

It is a family day. Last year's theme was Jimmy Buffet. This year it is an Irish Fleadh style party. Being it is an Irish party I thought of you and your dad. There will be a live Irish band and an Irish piper band,

As can be seen from the invite there are numerous activities for adults and younger.

It is non political. Greg, Mayor of Holmdel, will be there as well as Vin Gopal and his wife. So both Ds and Rs will be there.

It would be an honor if you can attend. If you can please feel free to bring anyone you would like with you.

As I said there will be many things for the young. I rented a 19' waterslide, video game truck, inflatable bounce house, carnival games, and more.

We start the day off with a Mass at 12PM under the tent. Celebrants are Monsignor Carroll and Fr. Cahill.

A copy of the invite is attached.

Slainte,
Ray O'Hare

From: chiefohare@aol.com,
To: vin@vingopal.com,
Subject: Re: Meeting w/Congressman Pallone
Date: Fri, May 14, 2021 12:48 pm

His office informed us we can only have three people there. It will be Councilman Cocuzza, Fran Mullan (T&M), Carter Sackman.

I will let you know how we make out.

-----Original Message-----

From: Vin Gopal <vin@vingopal.com>
To: Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, May 6, 2021 3:32 pm
Subject: Re: Meeting w/Congressman Pallone

Chief i have a major mental health panel i am hosting day day from 4 to 6. I could try to do earlier or later I apologize

I will call you in a few if ok. Thnx

On Thu, May 6, 2021 at 12:02 PM Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com> wrote:
Senator,

Can you make this meeting? It would help for you to be there.

Thanks.
Chief

P.S. When you have time could you please give me a call or let me know when I can call you.

-----Original Message-----

From: Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com>
To: laura.briggs@mail.house.gov <laura.briggs@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thu, May 6, 2021 12:00 pm
Subject: Re: Meeting w/Congressman Pallone

Dear Laura,

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Thank you for your help regarding this.

Slainte,
Ray O'Hare

-----Original Message-----

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To: chiefohare@aol.com <chiefohare@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, May 6, 2021 11:33 am
Subject: Meeting w/Congressman Pallone

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Thank you,

Laura Briggs
Office of Rep. Frank Pallone Jr. (NJ-06)
732-571-1140

From: chiefohare@aol.com,
To: laura.briggs@mail.house.gov,
Subject: Re: Meeting w/Congressman Pallone
Date: Thu, May 6, 2021 1:03 pm

- 1) Senator Vin Gopal
- 2) Keansburg Councilman James Cocuzza
- 3) Keansburg Boro Mgr Ray O'Hare
- 4) Keansburg Engineer T&M Fran Mullan
- 5) Keansburg Engineer T&M Bob Yuro
- 6) Carter Sackman, developer
- 7) Anthony D'Amore, developer

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Subject: RE: Meeting w/Congressman Pallone

Great thank you. Our office is located at 504 Broadway, Long Branch. Could you please provide a list of attendees and any background on the matter prior to the 24th?

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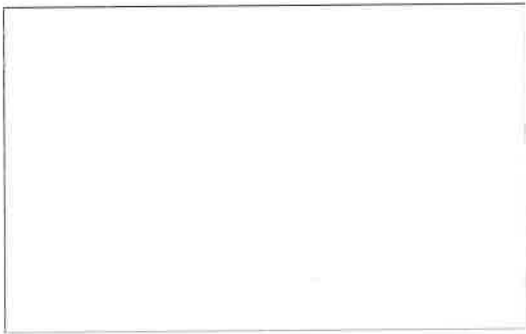
From: info@vingopalcivic.emailnb.com,
To: chiefhare@aol.com,
Subject: Can you make a donation to support homeless youth in the Asbury Park area?
Date: Wed, Feb 17, 2021 3:17 pm

Vin Gopal Civic Association

Raymond --

Covenant House New Jersey provides comprehensive residential care and related services to help New Jersey's youth who have suffered from abuse, neglect, abandonment, homelessness, and human trafficking build a life for themselves that is good. They have a program right here in Monmouth County.

I have pledged to help them again in this year's Sleep Out on March 19th. Volunteers from across Monmouth County will be sleeping out to show solidarity and raise funds for kids with nowhere to live, right here in our backyards.



The Sleep Out is not about pretending to be homeless. It's an act of solidarity with the 4.2 million young people who experience homelessness each year. It's a decision that we can't stay indoors while so many kids remain outside.

One night can make a difference.

I am raising funds and awareness for Covenant House, a shelter for kids experiencing homelessness and trafficking. Covenant House offers these young people so much more than a safe place to sleep - they welcome each kid with absolute respect and unconditional love, and their continuum of care provides essential services to help kids transition from homelessness to independence.

Help me help kids. Make a donation in support of my Sleep Out by clicking the "Support Me" button. You can join our team Friends of Vin Gopal by clicking the "Join Our Team" button.

I can't do this without you. Thanks for your support!



Thank you so much for your work to help Covenant House keep their lights on and doors open for kids in need. Together, we can truly make a difference for those who need it most.

Sincerely,

Vin Gopal

Vin Gopal Civic Association
<http://vingopalcivic.nationbuilder.com/>

Vin Gopal Civic Association · NJ 07724, United States

This email was sent to chiefohare@aol.com. To stop receiving emails, [click here](#).

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From: chiefohare@aol.com,
To: Thomas.Armone@co.monmouth.nj.us,
Subject: Veterans
Date: Tue, Sep 15, 2020 9:26 am
Attachments: 20200915082748.pdf (96K)

Director,

Here is our letter as requested by Sen Gopal.

Ray O'Hare



Borough of Keansburg

Raymond B. O'Hare, Borough Manager

29 Church Street • Keansburg, NJ 07734

Phone: 732/787-0215 ext. 201 • Fax: 732/787-5997

September 15, 2020

Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholder

C/o Tom Arnone, Director

1 E. Main Street

Freehold, NJ 07728

Dear Director Arnone:

Please accept this correspondence as a formal request on behalf of Keansburg Borough for \$300,000 of Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act ("Cares Act") funding to be allocated to the CIS B Well facility, Onora, for the purposes of securing these Keansburg veteran preference beds under its Reimbursement Agreement with the County Of Monmouth. Upon approval, the Township commits to advertising this availability to veterans in our community.

Veterans comprise of approximately five percent of the Monmouth County population, and these is a specific challenge in housing lower income veterans. As you are aware, the COVID-19 virus has had a significant impact and veterans are among some of the hardest hit by the pandemic. The extraordinary infection rates among veterans in State run facilities has resulted in a lack of bed in any facility within a reasonable distance to Monmouth County. This exacerbates the already difficult housing circumstances of those who have served our country.

CIS B Well, a New Jersey non-profit organization, has proposed utilizing its facility in Ocean Township to provide much needed residential health care services to veterans within Monmouth County. Veterans seeking admission must have been a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard and have service-connected disabilities. The priority for admission will be veterans who have no adequate means of support, with a focus on the severity of supportive care required as documented by a physician and the ability to acquire and afford care or residency in the community, there are no other facilities in Monmouth County that are licensed and/or capable of providing this type of care.

The Borough supports these efforts and desires to secure priority for any of its Keansburg veterans who may be in need of residential health care services during the COVID-19 crisis.

Should you need any additional information please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raymond B O'Hare', written in a cursive style.

Raymond B O'Hare
Borough Manager

ROH:gr

From: Anthony@sackman.com,
To: chiefohare@aol.com,
Subject: Re: meeting with Senator
Date: Tue, Sep 8, 2020 11:47 am

Chief,

I hope you enjoyed the holiday.

Thanks again for setting this up. We will have four from our side: Carter, Frances, Morgan, and myself.

We will see you Thursday at 2PM at Kazia Rae's. Thanks again!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2020, at 11:29 AM, Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com> wrote:

Anthony,

It is official, we are all set for date, time, and location. I have made arrangements with Cliff for lunch to be available. Lunch is on my dime.

Exactly how many will be coming from your end?

Chief

-----Original Message-----

From: Krishna Martes <krishna.martesld11@gmail.com>
To: Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Sep 8, 2020 10:22 am
Subject: Re: meeting with Senator

Hi Chief,

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. Thanks for arranging this, I will inform Senator Gopal of the location.

Krishna

On Sat, Sep 5, 2020 at 12:00 PM Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com> wrote:
Krishna,

I have made arrangements for an afternoon outdoor meeting/lunch at our Economic Development Co-ordinator's restaurant. His restaurant is located at Carr Avenue/Highland Blvd in Keansburg.

The name of the restaurant is Kazia Rae's.

Please let me know if this is okay with the Senator.

Thanks for your help in setting up this meeting.

Chief

-----Original Message-----

From: Krishna Martes <krishna.martesld11@gmail.com>
To: Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Sep 4, 2020 11:40 am
Subject: Re: meeting with Senator

Hi Chief,

I know Senator Gopal wants to have an outdoor meeting and is okay with Keansburg or Red Bank. Would your office be able to accommodate an outdoor meeting? If not, you can choose another location.

On Fri, Sep 4, 2020 at 8:42 AM Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com> wrote:
Dear Krishna,

Would my office be okay with the Senator or would he rather meet somewhere else?

-----Original Message-----

From: Krishna Martes <krishna.martesld11@gmail.com>
To: Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Sep 3, 2020 2:36 pm
Subject: Re: meeting with Senator

Hi Chief,

I see Senator Gopal said he's fine with Keansburg or Red Bank. Did you have any suggestions/preferences on location?

On Thu, Sep 3, 2020 at 11:30 AM Krishna Martes <krishna.martesld11@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Chief,

Okay, we're confirmed for 9/10 at 2:00 pm. I will get back to you with a location asap.

Krishna

On Wed, Sep 2, 2020 at 6:18 PM Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com> wrote:
Krishna,

The developer would like to met on Thursday, Sept 10th at 2PM.
Where would the Senator like to meet?

Chief

From: krishna.martes11@gmail.com,
To: chiefohare@aol.com,
Cc: ddavis@njleg.org, aislinnbrennan6@gmail.com,
Subject: Re: Meeting with Sen. Gopal
Date: Tue, Sep 1, 2020 4:41 pm

Hi Chief,

Here are more dates Senator Gopal is available:

Tuesday, September 8 at 12:00 pm
Thursday, September 10 at 2:00 pm
Friday, September 11 at 3:00 pm

Let me know which works. Thank you.

Krishna

On Fri, Aug 28, 2020 at 5:33 PM Krishna Martes <krishna.martes11@gmail.com> wrote:
Hi Chief,

Just following up on my last email. Let me know if those dates work for you, or if you need me to send more.

Best,
Krishna

On Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 11:35 AM Krishna Martes <krishna.martes11@gmail.com> wrote:
Good morning Chief,

Not a problem, here are some more dates:

Monday, August 31 at 1:30 pm
Wednesday, September 2 at 12:00 pm
Friday, September 4 at 11:30 am

Best,
Krishna

On Mon, Aug 24, 2020 at 11:02 AM Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com> wrote:

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Future dates would be great.

Again, thanks.

Chief

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Sent: Mon, Aug 24, 2020 10:13 am
Subject: Re: Meeting with Sen. Gopal

Good morning Chief,

Just following up on my last email. I can provide you with more dates to schedule a meeting with Senator Gopal if you'd like.

Best,
Krishna

On Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 9:28 PM Krishna Martes <krishna.martes11@gmail.com> wrote:
Hello Chief,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out on behalf of Senator Gopal to schedule a meeting. The Senator is available the following dates, please let me know which works best for you:

Tuesday, August 18 at 2:30 pm
Friday, August 21 at 11:00 am
Monday, August 24 at 3:00 pm

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,
Krishna

Krishna Martes
Legislative Aide
Office of Senator Gopal, Assembly Members Houghtaling and Downey

From: krishna.martesid11@gmail.com,
To: chiefohare@aol.com,
Subject: Re: Meeting with Sen. Gopal
Date: Mon, Aug 31, 2020 11:08 am

Hi Chief,

Thanks for getting back to me. I apologize but Senator Gopal isn't available this week anymore. I'd be happy to provide you with more dates starting from next week.

Best,
Krishna

On Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 10:25 AM Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com> wrote:
Krishna,

I apologize. I thought I sent this email to you last week.

We would like to meet on the 2nd if that is okay with the Senator.

If it is agreeable with the Senator where would he like to meet.

Chief

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From: Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com>
To: Anthony@sackman.com <Anthony@sackman.com>
Sent: Wed, Aug 26, 2020 9:18 am
Subject: Re: Meeting with Sen. Gopal

Krishna,

The developer's team would like to meet on 2SEPT20 at 1200HRS.
Where does the Senator want to have the meeting?

Thanks.

Chief

-----Original Message-----

From: Anthony D'Amore <Anthony@sackman.com>
To: Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Aug 25, 2020 11:52 am
Subject: Re: Meeting with Sen. Gopal

Chief,

I confirmed with our team to meet with Senator Gopal on:

Wednesday, September 2 at 12:00 pm

Carter Sackman, Frances Blake, and Morgan Sackman will attend (I will not be there as I will still be away).

Please send me Sen. Gopal's office address.

Thanks once again for facilitating this meeting.

APD

Sent from my iPhone

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From: chiefohare@aol.com,
To: Anthony@sackman.com,
Subject: Re: Meeting with Sen. Gopal
Date: Wed, Aug 26, 2020 10:16 am

Anthony,

Just left you a phone msg. Sorry to keep bothering you while on vacation. My special counsel just called to remind me the court date with the Amusement Park is scheduled for 1SEPT. I have to decide whether to go back to court or hold off longer for a possible settlement. I want to have this issue decided once and for all in court. However, if Carter were truly making progress with Hank Gehlhaus I would consider requesting more time for a settlement. If i am right, the current judge assigned the case will be retiring. That could mean starting all over.

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Cc: ABrennan@njleg.org, trngingerelli@gmail.com,
Subject: Legislation
Date: Wed, Mar 4, 2020 4:31 pm
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Please review and advise Aislinn your thoughts.

Vin

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AN ACT concerning certain public employment after retirement from the Police and Firemen's Retirement System and supplementing P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-1 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. A former member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System, established pursuant to P.L.1944, c.255 (C.43:16A-1 et seq.), who has been granted a retirement allowance, for any cause other than disability, may become employed again with the former employer after the retirement allowance becomes due and payable if: (1) the former member had retired with 25 or more years of service credit as of the date of retirement; (2) the retiree returned to employment in a position covered by a retirement system or fund other than the Police and Firemen's Retirement System; and (3) the new employment is in a position as a managerial executive. The retirement shall be deemed a bona fide severance from employment if the former member meets the requirements for the return to employment set forth in this section, notwithstanding that there may have been an arrangement made with the former employer prior to retirement for the resumption of the employment relationship after retirement.

As used in this section: "former employer" means the municipality with which the former member held employment immediately prior to retirement; and

"managerial executive" means an individual with the title, or responsibilities equivalent to such title, as set forth by regulations of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs for the purposes of the Local Government Ethics law, P.L.1991, c.29 (C.40A:9-22.1 et seq.).

This section shall be effective if the qualified status of the retirement system under federal law can be maintained upon its application, and such modifications to the system as may be available shall be made to allow for its application.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill permits a retired member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) to return to employment with the municipality with which the retiree held employment immediately prior to retirement. The retiree may return after the retirement

executive, which includes business administrator, municipal clerk, certain attorneys and engineers, and tax collector and assessor.

If these requirements are met, the retirement would be deemed a bona fide severance from employment, notwithstanding that there may have been an arrangement made with the former employer prior to retirement for the resumption of the employment relationship after retirement.

A regulation of the Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury, in compliance with the federal Internal Revenue Code, provides, “‘Bona fide severance from employment’ means a complete termination of the employee’s employment relationship with the employer for a period of at least 180 days.” N.J.A.C.17:1-17.14(a)2. The division has advised that a retired employee’s return to the same employer in any capacity within 180 days, including as a volunteer, will invalidate the retirement because the employer/employee relationship will not have been completely severed.

The bill provides that a retiree could return to employment after 30 days under the circumstances described if the qualified status of PFRS under federal law can be maintained. The bill directs modifications to the PFRS to be made to allow for the bill’s application while maintaining the qualified status of the plans.

Provides that PFRS member who retires but continues certain employment with former employer has bona fide severance from compliance with State and federal law.

From: chiefohare@aol.com,
To: vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com,
Bcc: jp7377@aol.com,
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Question from Keansburg
Date: Wed, Mar 25, 2020 6:39 am

Our attorney says, in his opinion, unless a bill is enacted granting an exception to or changing the mandatory retirement or unless the Pension Board were to allow Chief Pigott to remain in his position during this emergency Chief Pigott would have to retire.

As you mention, an Executive Order could possibly allow this during the emergency.

If Chief Pigott were allowed to remain in his position after the current retirement date of May 30, 2020 he would not receive his pension while being paid by the Borough as the Chief of Police during the emergency. He would also not add any more time to his pension credits. Chief Pigott agrees to this.

When the emergency were to end and if your proposed bill were to be enacted Chief Pigott could apply for a job with the Borough. This job would not be a pensionable position.

Chief

-----Original Message-----

From: Vin Gopal <vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com>
To: Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com>
Sent: Tue, Mar 24, 2020 5:39 pm
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Question from Keansburg

Chief what does your attorney say

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From: Aislinn Brennan <aislinnbrennan6@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 4:42 PM
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Question from Keansburg
To: Vin Gopal <vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com>
Cc: Antoinette 'Toni' Gingerelli <tgingerelli@gmail.com>, Dyese Davis <DDavis@nileg.org>

Wait - I just realized the situation in Keansburg is different than Eatontown because Chief Pigott is retiring due to age. I believe that he's retiring due to mandatory age reasons, he doesn't have to wait the 180 period for a bonafide severance of employment if the town wanted to re-hire him, as long as he hasn't accepted the new position before he leaves his old position because that is still illegal to the IRS. I can't really advise because I'm not a lawyer, but they should ask their attorney about the options there.

To send to Helmy/Braz, is this what you're looking for?

Hi,

The Keansburg Police Chief is set to retire due to the mandatory retirement age on June 1st. Chief Pigott has invaluable leadership experience in the town, having served as Police Chief during Sandy. The town would like to maintain his leadership during this crisis. I imagine other towns are facing similar prospective retirements at this inconvenient time. The Civil Service Commission advised that it did not have the capacity to waive a statutorily mandated retirement age. Is it possible to waive the statutory retirement age for PFRS members via executive order or is that something that must be done through legislation?

Thanks,

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 4:08 PM Vin Gopal <vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com> wrote:
Can u draft an email i can send to helmy and braz from me on this topic that i can send thanks

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 3:06 PM Aislinn Brennan <aislinnbrennan6@gmail.com> wrote:
The bill is in State Government right now. Unfortunately, it doesn't sound like there will be any committee meetings before the next voting session. Even if we could get Beach to release it, it would almost definitely get second referenced to Budget and Appropriations. You indicated that Sarlo would be willing to post it, but I don't know if he'd be willing to release it. Also, Eric and Joann haven't introduced the bill in the assembly yet.

We could try and push through another bill that would waive mandatory retirement ages during states of emergency, but we would have to move quickly. I also would have thought the Governor could do the same thing by executive order, which would be quicker, but I could be wrong.

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 12:20 AM Vin Gopal <vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com> wrote:
Tough to move right now. Ill call you tomorrow - Aislinn can u check

On Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 8:02 PM Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com> wrote:
Senator,

Then we are back to the original problem with his pension,

I thought under the emergency circumstances he could be a holdover till the crisis was abated. His pension would have been put on hold till he retired.

Thank you for trying to help.

Any status on your proposed bill reference not having to wait 6 months before starting the new job?

Chief

-----Original Message-----

From: Vin Gopal <vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com>
To: Chiefohare <chiefohare@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Mar 23, 2020 6:51 pm
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Question from Keansburg

Chief pls see below and advise.

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From: WebsterCobb, Deirdre <Deirdre.WebsterCobb@csc.nj.gov>
Date: Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 6:44 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Question from Keansburg
To: Vin Gopal <vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com>, Greer, Joseph <Joseph.Greer@csc.nj.gov>
Cc: Long, Robert <Robert.Long@dca.nj.gov>

Hello Senator.

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately, CSC does not have the authority to waive a statutorily imposed mandatory retirement age. However, if the municipality is looking to allow him to retire and then rehire him in a different capacity, there is nothing to prevent them from doing so. It just needs to ensure there will be no impact on his pension which is the Department of Treasury's domain.

I hope this helps.

Regards,

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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From: Vin Gopal <vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com>
Date: 3/23/20 5:59 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "WebsterCobb, Deirdre" <Deirdre.WebsterCobb@csc.nj.gov>, "Greer, Joseph" <Joseph.Greer@csc.nj.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Question from Keansburg

Hi Deirdre/Joseph:

Can you please advise on the below ask.

Thank you

Vin

Senator Vin Gopal
Majority Conference Leader
11th Legislative District

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From: Long, Robert <Robert.Long@dca.nj.gov>
Date: Mon, Mar 23, 2020 at 4:23 PM
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Question from Keansburg
To: Vin Gopal <vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com>, Braz, Justin <Justin.Braz@nj.gov>

Senator, hate to pass the buck, but any waiver of a mandatory retirement age, or, similarly, a waiver to accelerate the hiring back of a retired employee, is the province of the Civil Service Commission.

I recommend contacting either CSC Chair, Deirdre W Cobb, deirdre.webstercobb@csc.nj.gov, 609-292-4145 or the CSC Chief of Staff, Joseph Greer, Joseph.Greer@csc.nj.gov, 609-984-4318 for further assistance.

Best,
Rob

From: Long, Robert
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Vin Gopal <vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com>; Braz, Justin <Justin.Braz@nj.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Question from Keansburg

Hi Senator. Checking with the Division of Local Gov't Services and will advise.

Thanks,
Rob

From: Vin Gopal <vin.gopal.2008@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:44 PM
To: Braz, Justin <Justin.Braz@nj.gov>; Long, Robert <Robert.Long@dca.nj.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Question from Keansburg

Pls advise.

Senator - My police Chief is set to have a forced retirement Jun 1st. He was Chief during Sandy and his experience is valuable. To change leadership does not make sense. Is there any chance DCA can allow us in this time of emergency to either keep him as Chief or hire him in another position so he can continue to help the town navigate during this crisis? Thank you

Ray O'Hare
Business Administrator

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Cc: Brennan, Aislinn <ABrennan@njleg.org>; Antoinette "Toni" Gingerelli <tmgingerelli@gmail.com>
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