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May 11, 2023

Email: opra+request-41761-8d725e6f@requests.opramachine.com

Mr. Michael Kaplan

RE: OPRA REQUEST EXPENSES
OPRA # 545

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

On April 17, 2023, this office received an email from you requesting the following records pursuant to the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"):

1. The amount of money spent in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 on preparing and responding to OPRA request.
2. The number of OPRA requests made in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2023 YTD
3. Amount of money spent on software programs, subscriptions, license renewals and other computer-related expenses in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 YTD. Broken down by the amount of vendor.

With respect to No. 1, please be advised that OPRA matters are handled by the City of Elizabeth Law Department. Therefore, there are no responsive records as the City does not incur expenses on preparing and responding to OPRA requests. Occasionally, the City Attorney designates outside counsel for certain requests; however, the expenses incurred for these requests, if any exist during the requested time period, cannot be easily retrieved as our counsel has no records in regard to the amount of money the City expended on OPRA requests. The custodian therefore would have to conduct extensive research to determine if a public record with this information exists, which is not authorized under OPRA.

With respect to No. 2, in 2019 the City Clerk's Office received 1,024 OPRAS,
2020 the City Clerk's Office received 1,180 OPRAS
2021 the City Clerk's Office received 1,524 OPRAS

For the years 2019 through 2021, the Police Department was not able to provide the number of OPRAS they received.

I am assuming you mean 2022 and 2023 and not 20222 and 2030, if I am incorrect, please clarify; However, I am providing you the amount for 2022 and 2023 which is as follows:

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2022 the City Clerk's Office and Police Department received 2,238
As of today, for the year 2023 we received 626 OPRAS

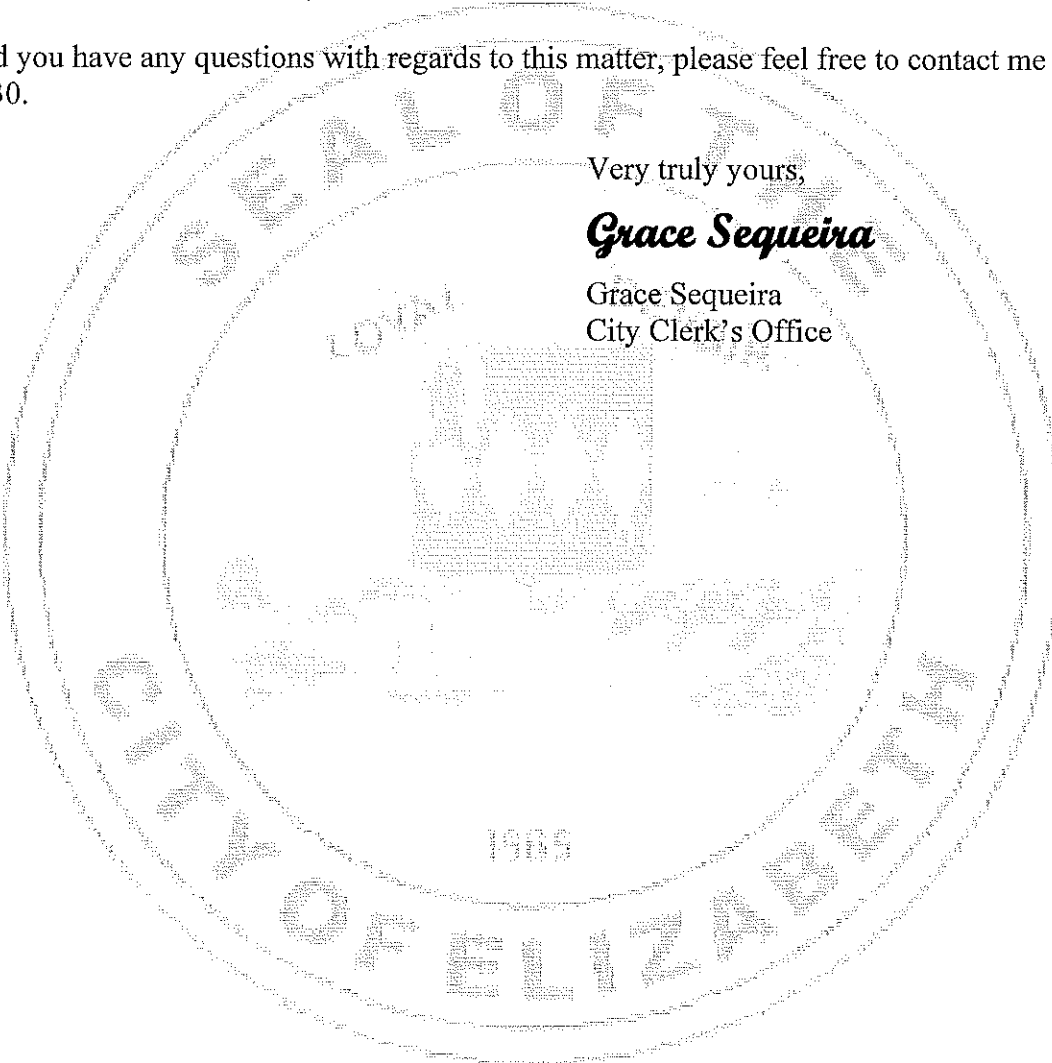
With respect to No. 3, please be so kind and clarify what you mean by "Amount of money spent on software programs, subscriptions, license renewals and other computer-related expenses in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 YTD. Broken down by the amount for each vendor"

Should you have any questions with regards to this matter, please feel free to contact me at (908) 820-4130.

Very truly yours,

Grace Sequeira

Grace Sequeira
City Clerk's Office



OPRA request - OPRA request expenses

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To: Yolanda M. Roberts <yroberts@elizabethnj.org>

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Dear Elizabeth City,

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.

Records requested:

1. The amount of money spent in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 on preparing and responding to OPRA requests.
2. The number of OPRA requests made in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2030 YTD.
3. Amount of money spent on software programs, subscriptions, license renewals and other computer-related expenses in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 YTD. Broken down by the amount for each vendor.

Yours faithfully,

Micheal Kaplan

Please deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
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