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ASK NJ Media Co.

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RE: OPRA Request #17-860

Dear ASK NJ Media Co.:

The official Records Custodian of the City of Bayonne, Robert F. Sloan, received your OPRA request on November 30, 2017. As such, the seven (7) business day deadline to respond to your request is December 11, 2017. This letter is an **initial** response to your OPRA request and is being provided to you within the statutorily required 7 day time frame.

A copy of the OPRA request referenced above is attached to this letter. OPRA allows Records Custodians to seek extensions of time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.i. Specifically, OPRA states that, "the requestor shall be advised by the custodian when the record can be made available. If the record is not made available by that time, access shall be deemed denied." **Due to the volume of OPRA requests currently filed with the City of Bayonne and the lack of available staff to answer same, your OPRA request requires an extension of time until thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this letter.**

If your request for access to a government record has been denied or unfilled within the seven (7) business days required by law, you have a right to challenge the decision by the City of Bayonne to deny access. At your option, you may either institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of New Jersey or file a complaint with the Government Records Council (GRC) by completing the Denial of Access Complaint Form. You may contact the GRC by toll-free telephone at 866-850-0511, by mail at P.O. Box 819, Trenton, NJ, 08625, by e-mail at grc@dca.state.nj.us, or at their web site at www.state.nj.us/grc. The GRC can also answer other questions about the law. All questions regarding complaints filed in Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your County.

Sincerely,

John F. Coffey II
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Cc: Robert F. Sloan, City Clerk & Records Custodian