

State of New Jersey
Government Records Request
Receipt

Requestor Information

Non applicable Non applicable

ASK NJ Media Co.

Non applicable

Non applicable, NJ 07753

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Request Date: November 27, 2017

Maximum Authorized Cost: \$0.00

Email

Request Number: W127123

Request Status: Filled Closed

Ready Date: December 7, 2017

Custodian Contact Information

Office of the Attorney General

Records Custodian

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609-984-6112

By _____

Status of Your Request

Your request for government records (# W127123) from the Office of the Attorney General has been reviewed and has been Filled Closed. Detailed information as to the availability of the documents you requested appear below and on following pages as necessary.

The cost and any balance due for this request is shown to the right. Any balance due must be paid in full prior to the release / mailing of the documents.

If you have any questions related to the disposition of this request please contact the Custodian of Records for the Office of the Attorney General. The contact information is in the column to the right. Please reference your request number in any contact or correspondence.

Cost Information

Total Cost: \$0.00

Deposit: \$0.00

Total Amount Paid: \$0.00

Balance Due: \$0.00

Document Detail

Div	Doc #	Doc Name	Redaction Req	Pages	Legal Size	Electronic Media	Other Cost
OAG	0001	Report of the 93 OPRA requests were filed with OAG between August 1 - November 20, 2017 containing Request #; Division; Date/Time; Requestor; Company Name; Address; Email Address; and Requested Information	Y	28	N	Y	

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		Records have been redacted for one or more of the following reasons: Social Security number, driver's license number, credit card number, Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN), legislative exemption, information which, if disclosed, would give an advantage to competitors, information whose disclosure would violate a citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy. Such information includes, but is not limited to, home address, personal email address, and date of birth.
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You filed an OPRA request with the Department of Law and Public Safety (L&PS), Office of the Attorney General (OAG) seeking access to: "copies of all OPRA requests from August 1, 2017 to November 20, 2017."

93 OPRA requests were filed with OAG between August 1 - November 20, 2017. In response to your request, I am providing you with an electronic copy of a 28 page report which contains the following information from those 93 OPRA requests: Request #; Division; Date/Time; Requestor; Company Name; Address; Email Address; and Requested Information. Records have been redacted for one or more of the following reasons: Social Security number, driver's license number, credit card number, Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN), legislative exemption, information whose disclosure would violate a citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy. Such information includes, but is not limited to, home address, personal email address, and date of birth. see *Wolosky v. Somerset Cty.*, 2017 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 781 (App. Div. 2017).

Reporters and news organizations filed OPRA requests with OAG during this time period seeking access to records for research and background in connection with articles and news stories that they contemplated writing and publishing. The Appellate Division noted in *Gannett N.J. Partners, LP v. County of Middlesex*, 379 N.J. Super. 205, 212 (App. Div. 2005) that a news organization might have a competitive interest in maintaining the confidentiality of its request for government records under OPRA. As you are a media company and have announced that you will post these records on the Internet, there is not just "mere potential", but rather a clear showing that disclosure of information contained in OPRA requests recently filed with OAG by reporters would give a competitive advantage to competing reporters, news organizations and media companies. For that reason, I have redacted portions of the "Requested Information" from OPRA requests filed by members of the press on the grounds that those OPRA requests contain information which, if disclosed, would give an advantage to competitors. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

Sincerely,
Bruce J. Solomon
OAG Custodian of Records

Your request for government records (# W127123) is as follows:

I'm requesting copies of all OPRA requests from August 1, 2017 to November 20, 2017.