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Borough of Paramus Response
David Mathews OPRA Request #23967 – February 4, 2021

Mr. Mathews:

The Borough of Paramus (the "Borough") is in receipt of your public records request, dated February 4, 2021 under the Open Public Records Act ("OPRA"), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. This correspondence serves as the Borough's timely response to your request within seven (7) business days after receipt in accordance with New Jersey law. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5. The following records were requested:

1. "sender, recipient, date and subject" for all the e-mails for address rlabarbiera@paramusborough.org for the period of 9/1/2020 through 1/31/2021"; and
2. "sender, recipient, date and subject" for all the e-mails for address htedesco-santos@paramusborough.org for the period of 9/1/2020 through 1/31/2021".

Please be advised that Nos. 1 and 2 of OPRA request are overly broad and amount to a wholesale request for general information to be analyzed, collated and compiled by the municipality. See MAG Entm't, LLC v. Div. of ABC, 375 N.J. Super. 534 (App. Div. 2005). Additionally, please be advised that a request pursuant to OPRA must identify the records sought with specificity. Bart v. Passaic County Pub. Hous. Agency, 406 N.J. Super. 445, 451 (App. Div. 2009). OPRA is not intended as a research tool to force government officials to identify and siphon useful information. See MAG Entertainment, LLC, supra at 534. A custodian may reject a request that is overly broad or vague so as to prevent identification of the records sought. New Jersey Builders Ass'n v. New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J. Super. 166, 172 (App. Div. 2007). An OPRA request may not be a "[general] request for information" obtained through research, rather than a "request for a specific record." Id.

If there are specific government records that you would like access to please submit a new OPRA request identify said records with the requisite specificity.

Your OPRA request is now closed.

Sincerely,
Annemarie Krusznis, RMC
Borough Clerk