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April 15, 2021

Mr. Bernie Wright
Opra-request-20674-bd6d039a@requests.Opramachine.com

File Number: 2021-282

Re: OPRA Request –Rices records

Dear Mr. Burnie Wright:

The City of Linden received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request on March 25, 2021. The official Records Custodian, Joseph C. Bodek, received your OPRA request on March 25, 2021.

You requested the following: See Attached

Please be advised that the City of Linden does not have any records in regards to your request.

Generally, a custodian is required to allow for inspection or copying of government records “during regular business hour.” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5(a). Moreover, OPRA provides that a custodian must respond to an OPRA request “no later than seven days after receiving the request.” Enacted on March 20, 2020, P.L. 2020, c.10 amended N.J.S.A 47:1A-5(a) that OPRA’s statutory deadlines do not apply for the duration of a Governor-declared state of emergency pursuant to a public health emergency under the Emergency Health Powers Act (N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq.)

Sincerely yours,

Joseph C. Bodek
Custodian of Records
City of Linden

New Jersey Government Records Council ("GRC")



What to do if your request for a record has been denied

The New Jersey Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.) permits a person who believes that he or she has been unlawfully denied access to a public record either to file a complaint with the GRC or to file suit in Superior Court to challenge the decision and compel disclosure. This poster describes the procedures for taking such actions.

To file a complaint with the GRC:

- Visit the GRC's website at www.nj.gov/grc for information and to register your complaint. In the alternative, you may contact the GRC by telephone at 1-866-850-0511 or by e-mail at government.records@dca.nj.gov.
- When you file the written complaint, the GRC will offer both you and the public agency non-adversarial, impartial mediation. If mediation is not accepted or is not successful, the GRC will investigate the complaint.
- In some cases, the GRC can award attorney's fees to a complainant or impose a fine against a records custodian.
- There is no fee to file a complaint with the GRC.

To file a complaint in Superior Court:

- A requestor may start a summary (expedited) lawsuit in the Superior Court. A written complaint and order to show cause must be filed with the court.
- The court requires a filing fee, and you must serve the lawsuit papers on the appropriate parties.
- The court will schedule a hearing to resolve the dispute.
- If you disagree with the court's decision, you may appeal the decision to the Appellate Division of the Superior Court.
- If you are successful, you may be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.
- You may wish to consult with an attorney to learn about initiating and pursuing a summary lawsuit in the Superior Court.
- Filing suit in Superior Court may result in a faster resolution, because the courts adjudicate cases every day, whereas the GRC only meets once a month.

Government Records Council, P.O. Box 819, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0819

Talia Pena-Marin

#2021 - 252

From: Joe Bodek
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:46 AM
To: Talia Pena-Marin
Subject: FW: Internal review of OPRA request - RICE Notices

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

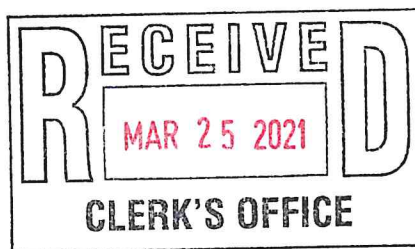
From: Bernie Wright <opra+request-20674-bd6d039a@requests.opramachine.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:52 PM
To: Joe Bodek <jbodek@linden-nj.org>
Subject: Internal review of OPRA request - RICE Notices

Dear Linden City,

Please provide update to my 2-28-2021 request.

Yours faithfully,

Bernie Wright



All RICE notices given to Linden Workers from
1/2018 to present.

Please use this UNIQUE email address for all replies to this request and no other:
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Disclaimer: This message and any reply that you make will be published on the internet. Our privacy and copyright policies:
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View this OPRA request & responses online:
https://opramachine.com/request/rice_notices

Please note that in some cases publication of requests and responses will be delayed.

If you find this service useful as an OPRA custodian, please ask your web manager to link to us from your organisation's website.

Talia Pena-Marin

From: Jessica Sheehy
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 3:54 PM
To: Talia Pena-Marin; Allan Roth
Subject: RE: OPR REQUESTS

Please be advised that I do not have any of the information requested in OPRA 2021-252

Thanks
Jessica

From: Talia Pena-Marin
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Jessica Sheehy <jsheehy@linden-nj.org>; Allan Roth <aroth@linden-nj.org>
Subject: OPR REQUESTS

Good Morning,

Enclosed please find two OPRA requests received today March 25, 2021.

Best,
Talia Pena-Marin
Clerk 1- Bilingual
Office of the City Clerk



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