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RE: OPRA Request Dated November 1, 2023

Dear Tom:

The South Brunswick Board of Fire Commissioners for the South Brunswick Fire District No. 3 received your Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request sent on November 1, 2023. This response is being provided to you on November 3, 2023. Your OPRA request sought access to the following: "A list of which individual occupied the first column at the left of the ballot in the year 2022".

Your OPRA request does not identify a government record. The Open Public Records Act is a mechanism to afford the public access to non-exempt documents in the possession of public entities. It is not a forum to ask questions of a public agency. OPRA only allows requests for records, not requests for information. *Reda v. Township of West Milford*, GRC Complaint No. 2002-58 (January 17, 2003). OPRA does not require record custodians to conduct research among its records for a requestor and correlate data from various records in the custodian's possession.

If you believe that 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. 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, New Jersey 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 the Superior Court should be directed to the Court Clerk in your county.

Very truly yours,

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