

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Order - In Camera Review

Marc Liebeskind Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2021-312

v.

Borough of Highland Park (Middlesex) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Joan M. Hullings

Request Received by Custodian: November 2, 2021 GRC Complaint Received: November 26, 2021

Order: The GRC must conduct an *in camera* review of the responsive redacted e-mails, as well as those e-mails and attachments withheld in their entirety, to determine the validity of the Custodian's assertion that those records were exempt under the cited exemptions. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1. See Paff v. N.J. Dep't of Labor, Bd. of Review, 379 N.J. Super. 346, 355 (App. Div. 2005). Thus, the Custodian shall deliver¹ to the Council in a sealed envelope nine (9) copies of the requested unredacted e-mails, nine (9) copies of the redacted e-mails, a document or redaction index.²

This is an Administrative Order requiring compliance within ten (10) business days after receipt thereof. The Custodian shall also simultaneously deliver³ certified confirmation of compliance with this Order, in accordance with <u>N.J. Court Rules</u>, <u>R.</u> 1:4-4,⁴ to the Executive Director.

Effective Date of Disposition: February 28, 2023

Prepared By: Frank F. Caruso

Executive Director

Date: February 21, 2023 **Distribution Date: March 2, 2023**

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¹ The *in camera* records may be sent overnight mail, regular mail, or be hand-delivered, at the discretion of the Custodian, as long as the GRC physically receives them by the deadline.

² The document or redaction index should identify the record and/or each redaction asserted and the lawful basis for the denial.

³ The certified confirmation of compliance, including supporting documentation, may be sent overnight mail, regular mail, e-mail, facsimile, or be hand-delivered, at the discretion of the Custodian, as long as the GRC physically receives it by the deadline. A copy of the certification and document index must also be sent to the Complainant.

⁴ "I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment."