

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Order – In Camera Review

Victoria Salvador Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2022-637

v.

City of Union City (Hudson) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Hilda I. Rosario

Request Received by Custodian: November 2, 2022 **GRC Complaint Received:** November 17, 2022

Order: The GRC must conduct an *in camera* review of the responsive audio recording to determine the validity of the Custodian's assertion that the record did not qualify as a "government record" for purposes of OPRA. N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1; Carter v. Franklin Fire Dist. No. 1 (Somerset), GRC Complaint No. 2011-318 (September 2016). 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 deliver to the Council in a sealed envelope nine (9) copies of the requested unredacted records and 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 N.J. Court Rules, R. 1:4-4,⁴ to the Executive Director that the record provided is the record requested by the Council for the *in camera* inspection.

Effective Date of Disposition: June 24, 2025

Prepared By: Frank F. Caruso

Executive Director

Date: June 17, 2025 **Distribution Date: June 26, 2025**

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.

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."