

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Records Responsive to the Request Exist

Anthony Ramdin Complainant GRC Complaint No. 2023-131

v.

City of Newark (Essex) Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Kecia Daniels

Request Received by Custodian: February 15, 2023

GRC Complaint Received: June 6, 2023

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that Ilsa Clinton responded on her behalf to the Complainant in writing, indicating that no records responsive to the OPRA request existed.¹ Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian's certification. Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the evidence of record reflects that no responsive records exist.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "Government record' or 'record' means any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official business . . ." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk's Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St. PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006.

Effective Date of Disposition: October 3, 2023

Prepared By: Samuel A. Rosado

Executive Director

Date: September 26, 2023

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¹ Although the Complainant contended that the requested list of vacant/abandoned properties existed in 2021, the Custodian certified that the City of Newark hired a 3rd party vendor to manage those properties and did not maintain a list.