



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL
Administrative Complaint Disposition – Motion to File Within Time Denied

Noelle Hardy
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2026-183

v.

City of Newark (Essex)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Kecia Daniels
Request Received by Custodian: December 8, 2025
GRC Complaint Received: April 13, 2026

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant verified the instant complaint on April 9, 2026, alleging she was denied access to her OPRA request on January 21, 2026, or seventy-eight (78) days prior. The Complainant asserted that she experienced significant personal and medical hardships, impairing her ability to prepare and file a complaint within the forty-five (45) day period. Custodian's Counsel objected to the motion on the basis that it contained unverifiable allegations and that accepting the complaint would "waste already strained resources" because the City responded to the OPRA request.

Upon review, the GRC is persuaded that this complaint should not be accepted as filed within time. The Complainant has not provided sufficient evidence to support the significant delay in filing this complaint. Thus, the Complainant failed to show good cause to permit the complaint to proceed out of time. Therefore, this complaint shall be dismissed.

Applicable OPRA Provision: "A person who is denied access to a government record by the custodian of the record, at the option of the requestor who is accurately identified by name, may, within 45 days of the date of denial . . . file a complaint with the Government Records Council" N.J.S.A. 47:1A-6.

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: May 28, 2026

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Date: May 21, 2026

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