

NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Denial of Access at Issue

GRC Complaint No.: 2011-08

Complainant: Martha Kremer **Custodian:** Township of Stafford (Ocean) – Bernadette M. Park

Date of Request: December 8, 2010 **Date of Complaint:** January 6, 2011¹

Complaint Disposition: The Complainant states in her Denial of Access Complaint that her sole argument in said complaint is that the Township's Mayor publicly disclosed the contents of confidential records at a Council meeting on December 7, 2010. The Complainant does not dispute any denial of access to the requested records pursuant to her December 8, 2010 OPRA request.

Applicable OPRA Provision: OPRA provides that: "A person who is denied access to a government record by the custodian of the record, at the option of the requestor, may institute a proceeding to challenge the custodian's decision by... [filing] a complaint with the Government Records Council established pursuant to [OPRA]." <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-6.

"The Government Records Council shall... receive, hear, review and adjudicate a complaint filed by any person concerning a denial of access to a government record by a record custodian..." (Emphasis added). <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 47:1A-7.b.

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: January 25, 2011

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Date: January 21, 2011

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¹ The GRC received the Denial of Access Complaint on said date.