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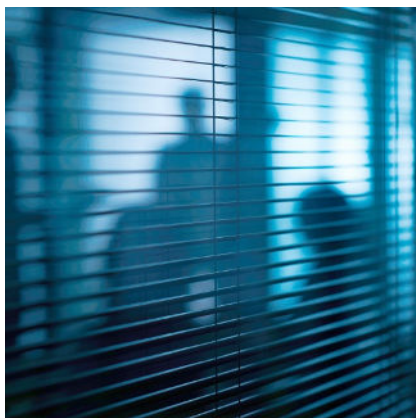
## Transparency Is Facing a Major Threat



### [Take Action to Save the Open Public Records Act](#)

The Problem Plans to gut the Open Public Records Act during a lame duck session are moving forward. If passed, this would render OPRA meaningless

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### [Update On Efforts to Change the Open Public Records and Open Public Meetings Act During Lame Duck Session](#)

So we got an update from someone who has a bit more information than us on concerns

### [The Open Public Records Act As We Know It is One Step Closer to Being Destroyed](#)

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connected to potential changes to OPRA – this is what they wrote us on Wednesday afternoon:

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*Restricting Public Access to Records Would Be the Death Knell For Advocacy.”...[Read More](#)*

## Town Council Blindsides Community with Redevelopment Study in Lame Duck Session

2. Resolution directing the Planning Board to undertake an investigation to determine whether all or a portion of certain properties identified on the tax map as Block 702, Lots 4,6, 16, constitute a non-condemnation area in need of redevelopment. (45R, 414-424 Springfield Avenue, and 230 Sherman Avenue)

### [11/21/2023 Town Council Meeting - Questions On Redevelopment Studies](#)

On the town council [agenda](#) tonight:

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### [Susan Poage Emerges as The Strongest Voice of Reason on the Berkeley Heights Town Council this Year](#)

Last night, the Council approved a controversial 11th-hour measure to [fund a redevelopment study involving multiple properties](#). Much like the surprise hike to the cost of the Municipal Building under the Woodruff Administration, this information occurred immediately after an election was decided...[Read More](#)

## Notes from the Week



**Berkeley Heights Town Council Plans to Double Down on Limiting Free Speech**

**Summary of 11/21/2023 Town Council Meeting**

**Freedom of the Press Foundation: "Open record reforms will undermine reporting"**

**BHCW Joins Dozens of Other Organizations Throughout the State Asking Legislators To Pause OPRA Reform**

**NJ Education Report: Murphy's Education Commissioner Is Out in January**

**Happy Thanksgiving Berkeley Heights**

