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**OPRA Request**

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**From** NJ21st Team <team@nj21st.com>**Date** Thu 8/28/2025 9:47 AM**To** Angela Lazzari <aLazzari@bhtwp.com> <aLazzari@bhtwp.com>

Hi Angela,

Pursuant to the Open Public Records Act (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.) **and the common law right of access**, I am requesting access to the following public records:

1. All correspondence, memoranda, or reports between the Township of Berkeley Heights and the State of New Jersey (including NJOEM) or FEMA and any County Level offices regarding the August 2025 storm event and potential disaster declaration, including any references to the \$17.6 million damage threshold cited by the Township.
2. Any internal Township communications, staff reports, or council briefing documents that discuss FEMA reimbursement eligibility, the \$17.6 million threshold, or the Township's expectation of reimbursement related to this storm event.
3. Any documents, emails, or spreadsheets showing the basis for the Township's calculation of local damages submitted to FEMA or NJOEM.
4. Any FEMA or NJOEM responses, guidance, or determinations provided to the Township regarding this storm event and disaster declaration status.

If these records are available digitally, I request them in electronic format via email.

The basis for this request is the unsigned, unattributed article published by the township stating:

"The hope was FEMA would approve the State of New Jersey for disaster funds; but as of August 26, the state is falling short of the roughly \$17.6 million in submitted damages needed to declare such a disaster."

The link to the full unsigned press release is here:

<https://nj21st.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Calmly-Writer-Online.pdf>

As the residents of Berkeley Heights will now be responsible for the 3.5 million dollar bond, it is in their interest to have full access to the documents that led to the Township not receiving monies requested.

I certify the following: I HAVE NOT been convicted of any indictable offense under the laws of New Jersey, any other state, or the United States. I, or another person, WILL NOT use the requested government records for a commercial purpose. I AM NOT seeking records in connection with a legal proceeding

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,  
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