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PRESS RELEASE

TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON WITHDRAWAL OF COMPLAINT AND DISMISSAL OF ACTION

IRVINGTON - On March 31, 2022, the Township of Irvington announced that it will dismiss the matter filed against Louise McDaniel and the Irvington Block Association Coalition. In the litigation, the Township and the Clerk asserted that over a period of time a substantial number of OPRA requests were filed by Ms. McDaniel. All of Ms. McDaniel's requests have been responded to by the Township. Further, to date, there have been no determinations from the Government Records Council that resulted in affirmative relief for Ms. McDaniel. The GRC has determined that the Custodian of Records did not knowingly or willfully deny any requests for information. In addition, there are numerous other factual allegations in the litigation that do not pertain to OPRA requests: such as frivolous letters and defamatory statements about the Township and its employees.

While the Township maintains that the litigation is meritorious and not filed for malicious reasons, the Township shall take steps to withdraw the litigation. The primary reason is to avoid the appearance that the Township is discriminating or retaliating against any resident. Further, the Township's goal is to avoid unnecessary expenses and legal fees associated with the continuation of this matter. The Township's goal is to devote its resources toward the improvement of the Township. The Township has always and will continue to provide responses to OPRA requests to the best of its ability.

Based upon the foregoing, the Township Clerk, the Mayor, the Township Attorney and outside Counsel, Allan Roth met today and agreed to dismiss the litigation to resolve this matter. While the Township does believe that there are valid claims, in the best interests of the Township and its residents, all agreed to withdraw the litigation. A letter will be sent to Ms. McDaniel today confirming to end the matter.

The Township welcomes all information requests from the public.



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March 31, 2022

**VIA EMAIL (McDanielElouise@yahoo.com)
AND CERTIFIED, REGULAR AND OVERNIGHT MAIL**

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Re: Twp. of Irvington v. Elouise McDaniel, et al.; ESX-L-007032-21

Dear Ms. McDaniel:

This law firm represents Plaintiffs in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Please be advised that Plaintiffs have agreed to dismiss the above litigation. To that end, enclosed herewith please find a Notice of Dismissal for your signature, and self-addressed stamped envelope provided for your convenience.

Once we receive the signed document from you, we will file same with the Court, dismissing the matter.

Very truly yours,

RUDERMAN & ROTH, LLC

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