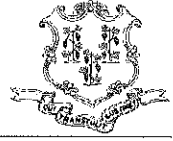


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Torrey Townsend,
Complainant(s)
against

Notice of Meeting

Docket #FIC 2015-245

Chief, Police Department, City of New Haven; Police
Department, City of New Haven; and City of New Haven,
Respondent(s)

January 28, 2016

Transmittal of Proposed Final Decision

In accordance with Section 4-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Freedom of Information Commission hereby transmits to you the proposed finding and decision prepared by the hearing officer in the above-captioned matter.

This will notify you that the Commission will consider this matter for disposition at its meeting which will be held in the Freedom of Information Commission Hearing Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, 1st floor, Hartford, Connecticut, at **2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016**. At that time and place you will be allowed to offer oral argument concerning this proposed finding and order. Oral argument shall be limited to ten (10) minutes. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may increase the period of time for argument. A request for additional time must be made in writing and should be filed with the Commission **ON OR BEFORE February 11, 2016**. Such request **MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, and (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives.**

Although a brief or memorandum of law is not required, if you decide to submit such a document, an **original and fourteen (14) copies** must be filed **ON OR BEFORE February 11, 2016**. **PLEASE NOTE: Any correspondence, brief or memorandum directed to the Commissioners by any party or representative of any party MUST BE (1) copied to all parties, or if the parties are represented, to such representatives, (2) include a notation indicating such notice to all parties or their representatives and (3) be limited to argument. NO NEW EVIDENCE MAY BE SUBMITTED.**

If you have already filed a brief or memorandum with the hearing officer and wish to have that document distributed to each member of the Commission, it is requested that **fifteen (15) copies** be filed **ON OR BEFORE February 11, 2016**, and that **notice be given to all parties or if the parties are represented, to their representatives, that such previously filed document is being submitted to the Commissioners for review.**

By Order of the Freedom of
Information Commission

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Acting Clerk of the Commission

Notice to: Torrey Townsend
Kathleen Foster, Esq.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

In the Matter of a Complaint by

Report of Hearing Officer

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Complainant

against

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Police Department, City of New Haven,

Respondents

January 28, 2016

The above-captioned matter was heard as a contested case on September 16, 2015, at which time the complainant and the respondents appeared, stipulated to certain facts, and presented testimony, exhibits and argument on the complaint.

After consideration of the entire record, the following facts are found and conclusions of law are reached:

1. The respondents are public agencies within the meaning of §1-200(1), G.S.
2. By letter of complaint filed March 30, 2015, the complainant appealed to the Commission, alleging that the respondents violated the Freedom of Information ("FOI") Act by failing to comply with her requests for public records.
3. It is found that the complainant made requests to the respondents on March 19, 2015 for "background information" for several named individuals.
4. At the hearing, the parties represented that the issue was a lack of communication between them, that the requests were voluminous and time-consuming, and that the respondents were prepared to provide the requested records in due course, with some clarifications by the complainant. The complainant represented that she sought to build solid lines of communication.
5. The parties indicated that the Commission should treat the complaint as resolved, but not withdrawn or dismissed. Therefore, no order by the Commission is recommended.



Victor R. Perpetua
as Hearing Officer