

Fish, David

From: Ramsay, David
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Fichtner, Aaron R.; Starghill, Catherine; Stoller, Jeffrey; Fish, David
Subject: FW: Los Angeles Times: Kushner tapped program meant for job-starved areas to build a luxury skyscraper

David W. Ramsay, Director
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From: david.ramsay@dol.nj.gov [mailto:david.ramsay@dol.nj.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 02, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Ramsay, David
Subject: Los Angeles Times: Kushner tapped program meant for job-starved areas to build a luxury skyscraper

[Kushner tapped program meant for job-starved areas to build a luxury skyscraper](#)

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From: Tattory, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 4:19 PM
To: Bardinas, Karla; Wright, Thomas; Fichtner, Aaron R.
Cc: Chinsky, Chester; Stoller, Jeffrey
Subject: FW: FW: more TEA letters

Aaron, Tom, Karla,

Here is the entire email chain regarding the May 2015 verification for 65 Bay Street.

Paul T.

From: Tattory, Paul
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 1:28 PM
To: 'mevans@evanscarrollecon.com'; ignacio.donoso@donosolaw.com
Cc: Elcenko, Roseanne
Subject: RE: FW: more TEA letters

Hi Mike,

The labor force data for the contiguous census tracts below produce an over-all unemployment rate of 9.8%. The letter confirming this will be forthcoming.

Paul Tattory

From: mevans@evanscarrollecon.com [<mailto:mevans@evanscarrollecon.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2015 10:46 AM
To: Tattory, Paul; ignacio.donoso@donosolaw.com
Subject: RE: FW: more TEA letters

Paul -- thank you for your E-mail.

I have reconfigured the map with contiguous CTs bordering on 76, and the new list qualifies for a TEA. Please see the calculations below. If this is correct, please issue the usual letter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Mike

CT	2009-13 data				2014 data			
	LF	Empl	Unempl	Un Rate	LF	Empl	Unempl	Un Rate
44	1,074	786	288	26.8	975	808	168	17.2
45	2,084	1,732	352	16.9	1985	1780	205	10.3
46	1,057	832	225	21.3	986	855	131	13.3
52	2,092	1,678	414	19.8	1965	1724	241	12.3
53	1,234	941	293	23.7	1138	967	171	15.0

55	1,136	936	200	17.6	1078	962	116	10.8
56	2,029	1,713	316	15.6	1944	1760	184	9.5
58.01	2,573	2,061	512	19.9	2416	2118	298	12.3
60	2,106	1,779	327	15.5	2019	1828	190	9.4
61	3,420	2,674	746	21.8	3182	2748	434	13.7
62	1,656	1,411	245	14.8	1593	1450	143	9.0
64	2,281	2,170	111	4.9	2295	2230	65	2.8
65	1,246	1,177	69	5.5	1250	1210	40	3.2
67	1,342	1,018	324	24.1	1235	1046	189	15.3
68	1,749	1,416	333	19.0	1649	1455	194	11.8
76	4,628	4,448	180	3.9	4676	4571	105	2.2
	31707	26772	4935	15.6	30386	27512	2874	9.5

Michael K. Evans
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Tel 561-470-9035

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: FW: more TEA letters
From: "Tattory, Paul" <Paul.Tattory@dol.state.nj.us>
Date: 5/21/15 11:09 am
To: "mevans@evanscarrollecon.com" <mevans@evanscarrollecon.com>
Cc: "Elcenko, Roseanne" <Roseanne.Elcenko@dol.state.nj.us>

Michael,

I reviewed the three addresses below and the census tracks. While these 16 tracks are contiguous, based on the 2014 labor force data, the unemployment rate for this aggregated area is 8.9%, falling below the 9.3% minimum. The Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) estimates for 2014 were done using a new modeling process by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. As a result, the labor force data had some notable shifts among the counties, resulting in similar shifts at lower geographic levels.

Paul Tattory

From: mevans@evanscarrollecon.com [mailto:mevans@evanscarrollecon.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 2:30 PM

To: Tattory, Paul

Subject: RE: FW: more TEA letters

Thank you for your E-mail. All 3 addresses are in Jersey City, The ZIP codes are as follows.

90 Christopher Columbus Drive 07302

431 Marin Blvd 07302

65 Bay St. 07302

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From: "Tattory, Paul" <Paul.Tattory@dol.state.nj.us>

Date: 5/20/15 1:42 pm

To: "mevans@evanscarrollecon.com" <mevans@evanscarrollecon.com>

Michael,

I have taken over handling the TEA designation letters from Ms. Elcenko. So that I can determine what you have requested, please provide city and zip codes for the three addresses below. This will expedite the look-up of these tracks.

Sincerely,

Paul Tattory

From: mevans@evanscarrollecon.com [mailto:mevans@evanscarrollecon.com]

Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 11:21 AM

To: Elcenko, Roseanne

Subject: more TEA letters

On July 7, 2014, your office sent me a letter stating that 90 Christopher Columbus Ave was located in CT 76, and that a TEA could be formed consisting of CTs 35,44,45, 46,49,52,53,55,58.01,60,64,65,67,68,70 and 76.

I am now requesting that this letter be updated with the 2014 unemployment data.

In addition, my clients have 2 other projects, which I also believe are located in CT 76, at 65 Bay Street and 431 Marin Blvd.

If all these calculations are correct, that would be 3 letters sent to me at our summer address.

Once again, thank you in advance.

Michael K. Evans

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From: Bardinas, Karla
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Fichtner, Aaron R.; Fish, David; Townsend, Gregory; Starghill, Catherine
Subject: Post story

https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/jared-kushner-and-his-partners-used-a-program-meant-for-job-starved-areas-to-build-a-luxury-skyscraper/2017/05/31/9c81b52c-4225-11e7-9869-bac8b446820a_story.html?utm_term=.b18c4a3363d6

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Fish, David

From: Murray, Brian
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Bardinas, Karla; Fish, David; Taylor, Heather; Acquaviva, Greg
Cc: Fichtner, Aaron R.; Townsend, Gregory; Wright, Thomas
Subject: RE: OPRA request from The Associated Press

Thank you.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S@6 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Bardinas, Karla" <Karla.Bardinas@dol.nj.gov>
Date: 5/26/2017 4:58 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Fish, David" <David.Fish@dol.nj.gov>, "Taylor, Heather" <Heather.Taylor@nj.gov>, "Acquaviva, Greg" <Greg.Aquaviva@nj.gov>
Cc: "Murray, Brian" <Brian.Murray@nj.gov>, "Fichtner, Aaron R." <Aaron.Fichtner@dol.nj.gov>, "Townsend, Gregory" <Gregory.Townsend@dol.nj.gov>, "Wright, Thomas" <Thomas.Wright@dol.nj.gov>
Subject: FW: OPRA request from The Associated Press

Here's another similar request... this one is even bigger. We'll all circle back about this on Tuesday.

Have a great weekend!

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----- Original message -----
From: Condon, Bernard [mailto:BCondon@ap.org]
Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 4:54 PM
To: DOL Media Calls <MediaCalls@dol.nj.gov>
Subject: OPRA request from The Associated Press

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., I am seeking copies of the following records:

—All emails, correspondence, memoranda or other communications to or from the state Department of Labor to companies requesting unemployment rates or in which reference is made to a “Targeted Employment Area” for areas including One Journal Square or 10 Journal Square (this is NOT “One Journal Square PLAZA,” which is a separate property). I would like the search to run from June of 2014 to the present.

— All emails, correspondence, memoranda or other communications to or from the state Department of Labor to companies requesting unemployment rates or in which reference is made to a “Targeted Employment Area” for areas including 65 Bay Street (marketed as Trump Bay Street). I would like this search to begin in January of 2009 through January of 2013.

I am making this request as a fulltime journalist with The Associated Press and this request is made as part of newsgathering and not for commercial use. As a representative of the news media, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages.

I ask that you waive any and all applicable fees associated with this request given that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public’s understanding of “Targeted Employment Areas” that are used by companies in a popular EB-5 visa program for foreign investors. If you deny this request for a fee waiver, please advise me in advance of the estimated charges if they are to exceed \$100. I request electronic copies of the above documents, .pdf if available.

The New Jersey Open Public Records Act requires a response time of seven business days. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer, please contact me with information about when I can expect copies of the requested records.

I note that the Department of Labor cannot refuse disclosure on the grounds that its reports may be incomplete. If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the Act. If you determine that some but not all of the information is exempt from disclosure and that you intend to withhold it, please redact it for the time being and make the rest available as requested. Please provide the material on a rolling basis, as it is available. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold information or to deny a waiver of fees.

Please provide expedited review of this request, which concerns a newsworthy matter of current exigency to the American public that extends beyond the public's general right to know about government activity. No information similar to what AP is seeking already has been widely reported in some fashion, so the release of these records would present entirely new information to the public.

As the world's oldest and largest news organization, the AP is a credible requester. As the information is of timely value, please communicate with me by telephone 212 -621 -6941 or e-mail bcondon@ap.org, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

I look forward to your prompt response.

Bernard Condon

AP Business Writer

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212 621 6941

Fish, David

From: Bardinas, Karla
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Murray, Brian
Cc: Townsend, Gregory; Fichtner, Aaron R.
Subject: FW: Washington Post

-----Original Message-----

From: Wright, Thomas
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Bardinas, Karla <Karla.Bardinas@dol.nj.gov>
Subject: FW: Washington Post

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From: Boburg, Shawn [mailto:Shawn.Boburg@washpost.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 9:57 AM
To: DOL Media Calls <MediaCalls@dol.nj.gov>
Subject: Washington Post

Hello:

I'm a reporter for The Post. I'm requesting under OPRA the Targeted Employment Areas requests and/or approval letters submitted by US Immigration Fund-NJ for EB-5 projects in Jersey City known as One Journal Square and 65 Bay Street. Please expedite this request and email responsive documents to this email address.

Thank you,
Shawn Boburg

Sent from my iPhone

Fish, David

From: Murray, Brian
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Bardinas, Karla
Cc: Townsend, Gregory; Fichtner, Aaron R.
Subject: RE: Washington Post



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From: "Bardinas, Karla" <Karla.Bardinas@dol.nj.gov>
Date: 5/11/2017 10:02 AM (GMT-05:00)
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Cc: "Townsend, Gregory" <Gregory.Townsend@dol.nj.gov>, "Fichtner, Aaron R." <Aaron.Fichtner@dol.nj.gov>
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