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Plaintiff,  
~~Monroe~~

interrogatories demanded by ~~Monroe~~  
of Monroe.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
CHANCERY DIVISION - MIDDLESEX COUNTY  
DOCKET No. C-4122-73

URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER  
NEW BRUNSWICK, et al.

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Plaintiffs,

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v.

:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF  
THE BOROUGH OF CARTERET,  
et al.

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Civil Action

:

INTERROGATORIES

:

Defendants

To:

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Metuchen, New Jersey 08840

DEMAND is hereby made of the defendant TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE for Certified

Answers to the following interrogatories within the time  
prescribed by the Rules of this Court.

1. Please provide the most current statistics  
available on the population of the municipality, by  
income level and race (categorized as white, black,  
See tables in Planners Report annexed hereto.

TABLE NO. 1  
MONROE TOWNSHIP, POPULATION TRENDS, 1940-1970

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Change</u>	
		<u>Absolute</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1940	3,034	-	-
1950	4,082	1,048	34.5
1960	5,831	1,749	42.8
1970	9,138	3,307	56.7
1940-1970	-	6,104	301.1
1950-1970	-	5,056	223.9

Source: U. S. Census  
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TABLE NO. 2

NATURAL INCREASE IN MONROE TOWNSHIP, N.J., 1960-1972

<u>Year</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Natural Increase</u>
1960	48	34	14
1961	65	30	25
1962	63	30	33
1963	39	27	12
1964	77	31	46
1965	86	34	51
1966	71	29	42
1967	55	31	24
1968	57	33	24
1969	64	27	37
1970	87	47	40
1971	137	57	80
1972	139	63	76

Source: N. J. Department of Health

TABLE NO. 3

POPULATION IN MONROE TOWNSHIP, BY AGE GROUPS, 1960 and 1970

Age Group	1960		1970		Change 1960-1970	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Absolute	Percent
Under 5	643	11.0	1,032	11.8	+389	60.5
5-14	1,395	23.9	1,797	20.5	+402	28.8
15-24	940	16.1	1,289	14.7	+349	37.1
25-34	726	12.5	1,512	17.3	+786	108.3
35-44	772	13.2	893	10.2	+111	14.4
45-54	575	9.9	829	9.5	+254	44.2
55-64	389	6.7	408	4.7	+19	4.9
65 and over	391	6.7	1,007	11.5	+616	157.5
TOTAL	5,831	100.0	8,767	100.0	2,936	50.4

Source: U. S. Census of Population, N. J.

TABLE NO. 4

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE POPULATION OF  
MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY AND NEW JERSEY, 1970

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Under 5	1,032	11.8	51,995	8.9	589,226	8.2
5-14	1,797	20.5	122,874	21.0	1,403,057	19.6
15-24	1,289	14.7	97,564	16.7	1,121,029	15.6
25-34	1,512	17.3	77,055	13.2	866,639	12.1
35-44	893	10.2	77,500	13.3	879,421	12.3
45-54	829	9.5	74,976	12.8	917,081	12.8
55-64	408	4.7	44,486	7.6	694,722	9.7
65 and over	1,007	11.5	32,363	6.4	696,989	9.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,767</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>583,813</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7,168,164</b>	<b>100.0</b>

(\*) It should be noted that the Adult population has risen sharply since 1970 in our (2) adult communities.

Source: U. S. Census of Population, New Jersey

TABLE NO. 5

RACIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION OF  
MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY AND STATE, 1960 AND 1970

Year	Race	Monroe Township		Middlesex County		New Jersey	
		Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
1960	White	4,810	82.3	416,737	95.6	5,539,003	91.3
1960	Negro	982	20.0	16,489	4.0	514,875	8.5
1960	Other	39	0.8	630	-	12,904	0.2
	TOTAL	5,831	100.0	453,714	100.0	6,066,782	100.0
1970	White	8,367	91.6	554,597	95.0	6,349,908	88.6
1970	Negro	673	7.4	26,067	7.4	770,292	10.7
1970	Other	98	1.0	3,149	0.5	47,964	0.7
	TOTAL	9,138	100.0	583,813	100.0	7,168,164	100.0

Source: U. S. Census of Population, New Jersey

spanish-speaking, other), citing source.

Total population - 9,138; White - 8,367; Negro - 673; -  
Indian - 7; Japanese - 6; Chinese - 72; Filipino - 1;  
All other - 12.

2. Provide for each public school within the municipality, the number of pupils enrolled, with sub-totals for whites, blacks, spanish-speaking and other, giving school name, location, grades served and area.

See attached

3. Provide the number of dwellings presently within the municipality in each of the following value categories, as determined from the property tax rolls.

(a) Single family homes under \$15,000

195

(b) \$15,000 to \$25,000

630

(c) \$25,000 to \$35,000

1,060

(d) Over \$35,000

310

4. Provide the number of multi-family units  
- in each of the following rental categories and ranges.

Type	Rental Range				
	Under \$100	\$100 - \$149	\$150 - \$199	\$200 - \$249	\$250 & Over
Efficiency					
One-Bedroom					
Two-Bedroom		6			
Three or more Bedrooms					

5. Provide the total number of mobile homes in municipality that exist as conforming uses under current zoning ordinance.

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6. Provide the number of housing units within the municipality that are below the standards required for new construction or rehabilitation in local building codes and housing standards ordinance. Indicate how many are currently occupied and how many vacant.

This information not readily available

7. Provide for each department in the municipality the number of municipal employees by job category, race, and annual salary or hourly wage.

See attached listing

8. Provide the number of county and state employees working or employed in the municipality by job category, race, and annual salary or hourly wage.

Clerk in Police Department - White \$2.60 per hour, under C.E.T.A. (35) under privileged children from Summer Youth Employment Program and MCEOC

Jamesburg Office - about 12 white and 23 black - \$2.00 per hour

9. For each zoning use category (and subcategory, if necessary, in the municipality) state the total number of acres contained therein and state how many acres are vacant. (For example, R-1 residential; 130 acres; 23 vacant).

See attached sheet.

10. List the proposals or requests for amendment to the zoning ordinance to authorize or facilitate residential construction of the types listed below, from January 1, 1970 to the present, setting forth the date of the proposal or request, name of requesting party, and ultimate disposition. If units were to be subsidized under state or federal programs, state what program was involved.

(a) Single-family detached or attached home construction (involving 10 or more contiguous lots).

None

(b) Multi-family structures.

Gilforce in 1971 - owner indicted for bribery of President of Township Council.

Answer to Question #9:

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>	<u>VACANT ACRES</u>
Rural Residential	17,500	16,500
Industrial	10,300	10,000
Residential A	450	50
Residential B	250	20
Business	110	20
Rural Business	<u>30</u>	<u>10</u>
Total	28,640	26,600

(c) Planned unit or other cluster developments.

None

(d) Mobile home sites.

None

11. List for the following four categories, the applications for, use variances, special permits or exceptions that have been filed from January 1, 1970 to the present, setting forth the date of initial application, name of the requesting party, and ultimate disposition of application. If units were to be subsidized under state or federal programs, state what program was involved.

(a) Detached or attached single-family home construction (involving 10 or more contiguous lots).

None

(b) Multi-family structures.

None

(c) Planned unit or other cluster developments.

None

(d) Mobile home sites.

None

12. List the name, address, race and duties of each municipal official, employee, and consultant involved in the municipal zoning and planning process: State the source of their authority.

See attached listing of Municipal Zoning Board.

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12. (Continued)

13. State whether there are any state or federal subsidized housing units now within or planned for the municipality. If so, list the location, number, size and type of units, project racial occupancy percentages, source of the subsidy and date of initial occupancy.

None

(a) State whether the municipality ever affirmatively encouraged or assisted in the provision of subsidized housing.

No

(b) State whether any official body of the municipality has ever discussed providing subsidized housing. If so, list the name of the deliberating body, the date and time of the meeting and provide a copy of the minutes or any report resulting from such meetings.

No

(b) (Continued)

14. State whether there has been any correspondence, contact, or meetings since January 1, 1970 between any municipal officials, employees, or consultants and any county or regional planning body regarding your municipality's housing needs. If so, please attach copies of such correspondence and provide the dates and times of such meetings or contacts indicating whether a written record of such meetings or contacts was ever made.

The Planning Consultant currently is updating the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance-has met with with County Planner to generally coordinate the County, Township Planning efforts.

The Planning Board has been meeting regularly for the past two months in relation to the adoption of a New Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance for Monroe Township. These meetings are with its Planning Consultant, Josua Siegel from Community Housing Consultants. There is a contract with this firm for the Master Plan.

15. State whether the municipality has a rent control ordinance. If so, specify when such an ordinance was first considered and the date of adoption. Attach a copy of the ordinance and the minutes of council meetings at which such an ordinance was considered, and any documented statistics on housing conditions presented at such meetings..

No

15. (Continued)

16. State whether at any time from January 1, 1970 to the present there has been in effect a sewer, building permit, or other moratorium relating to housing. If so, state the effective date, who imposed it, and the terms and conditions thereof.

Effective date of the building moratorium in the Outcalt section was October 1973. This action was taken by the Township Council in accordance with the attached ordinance. Extended in 1975 to October 1975.

17. State whether as a condition of employment any municipal employee is required to live within the boundaries of the municipality or the county. If so, indicate how long such requirement has been in effect, its scope and who imposed it.

The Administrative Code of Monroe Township requires the Administrator to live within the confines of the Township within six months of employment unless exempt from this stipulation by a resolution of the governing body.

18. For each commercial, industrial, or other business establishment within the municipality having 15 or more employees, list its name, address, number of employees, and the year it first opened for business.

Township does not have this information, to permit the answering of this question.

19. State whether the municipality has a fair housing or anti-blockbusting ordinance. If so, attach a copy.

No

20. State whether your municipality has ever taken steps to encourage industry to locate in the municipality. If so, please indicate what steps have been taken.

Yes. Steps taken included advertising in newspapers and assisting industries which indicated an interest in moving in the Township of Monroe. Also the creation of an Industrial Commission.

21. Attach a copy of the current zoning ordinance and any and all amendments in force; and a copy of any proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance that are currently pending before the governing body.

Copy of Zoning Ordinance available from Clerk for \$2.00.

22. Identify the location of the official zoning maps, the coverage, and date of preparation. State whether zoning maps incorporating the most recent amendments are available. If so, state where they can be obtained and the price thereof.

May be obtained from the Clerk of the Township of Monroe  
by payment of the appropriate fee.

23. State whether your municipality has proposed and adopted a master plan. If so, please identify a copy indicating the coverage, date of preparation, and number of pages. Also identify by location and content all amendments and background reports prepared in conjunction with such master plan amendment.

Master Plan never adopted by the Planning Board but presently a comprehensive development plan is being considered and reviewed by the Township Planner.

24. State whether the municipality has had prepared or is preparing studies, planning papers, research reports or other similar documents in the areas listed below. Identify each item by author or title, subject, date, number of pages, location of copies and indicate whether a summary is available:

(a) The need for housing within the municipality;

All of the work being conducted therein is being conducted by the Township Planner and some of the data being utilized are the U.S. Census Data for New Jersey for the year 1970 and the 1970 Census Selected Population Housing Statistics for Middlesex County and any other documentation that he sees fit to refer to.

(b) The condition and amount of existing housing stock;

See the attached Initial Housing element report for Monroe Township, New Jersey, prepared by Community Housing and Planning Associates Inc., November 1973, 18 pages.

(c) The inception of programs relating to code enforcement;

See A.

(d) The requirement for residential densities, floor space, bedroom ratios, and mobile homes within the municipality;

This will be contained in the revised zoning ordinance in conjunction with the updated Master Plan.

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See B.