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interrogatories demanded by P's of Piscataway and answer





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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.

Plaintiffs,

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

v.

Defendants

Civil Action

INTERROGATORIES

To:

ROY M. OAKE, Esq. 463 South Washington Avenue Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

DEMAND is hereby made of the defendant TOWNSHIP COMMIT TEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PISCATAWAY 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,

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spanish-speaking, other), citing source. None, except; Block Statistics, New York and North Eastern, New Jersey Urbanized Area for Middlesex County -1970 U. S. Dept. of Commerce Bureau of Census Washington, D.C.

2. Provide for each public school within the municipality, the number of pupils enrolled, with subtotals for whites, blacks, spanish-speaking and other, giving school name, location, grades served and area. The Board of Education of the Township of Piscataway is a separate legal entity and defendant, Township of Piscataway has no statistics. Such information, if any, should be obtained by the plaintiff from the Board of Education.

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

227

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

2,060

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

4,024

(d) Over \$35,000

1,240

* These statistics do not include 3,140 garden apartments nor the housing of Rutgers University.

4. Provide the number of multi-family units

in each of the following rental categories and ranges. At this time this defendant does not have this information. It will be supplied to the plaintiff pursuant to the rules of Court Rental Range

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

5. Provide the total number of mobile homes in municipality that exist as conforming uses under current zoning ordinance. None.

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.

See Answer #4

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

See Answer #4

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. No knowledge.

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 Answer #4

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• 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. SEE ANSWER #4

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

(b) Multi-family structures.

(c) Planned unit or other cluster developments.

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(d) Mobile home sites.

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).

(b) Multi-family structures. Tanglewood Terrace, 27 units - approved Brd. of Adj. 2-29-72 Birchview Gardens 116 units - approved

(c) Planned unit or other cluster developments. Woodlake - approved 6-25.73 Point of Woods- approved 3-13-74

(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.

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12. (Continued)

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Mayor and Township Council see Exhibit A 1.

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- 2. Board of Adjustment see Exhibit B
- Planning Board see Exhibit C Suburban Planning Associates see Exhibit D 3.
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 - Mr. Henry A. Zanetti, Township Engineer & Director of Public

Works

State whether there are any state or federal 13. 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. Yes, Rutgers University housing.

State whether the municipality ever (a) affirmatively encouraged or assisted in the provision of subsidized housing. No.

State whether any official body of the (b) 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.

The Governing Body has taken no official action concerning subsidized housing but has discussed it on occasion, but no record was kept. At this time the only report that this defendant has is a report from the Civil Rights Commission, copy attached.

(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 question os objectionable and improper because it is oppressive and burdensome.

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.

Yes - attached copy of ordinance and minutes of council meetings.

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.

The Governing Body has never adopted a moratorium resolution or ordinance related to housing.

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. No.

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. See Answer #4 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, an Industrial Advisory Commission has been appointed.

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. See attached copy.

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.

Building Inspector's office - 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway dated May 1972 - Cost \$1.00 per page plus the cost of drawing the zoning lines.

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. YES 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: Yes, see copy of resolution appointing Suburban Planning Assoc. (a) The need for housing within the munici-

pality;

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

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

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

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(e) The need for providing low and moderate income subsidized or unsubsidized housing within the municipality;

(f) The utilization of land for commercial and residential or industrial purposes; and

(g) The wage and salary scales of employees within the private sector of the municipality.

25. State whether your municipality has ever been studied by, advised by, or received assistance from agencies of federal, state or county government, in preparing studies or other information concerning 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. Not to our knowledge.

(a) Need for housing within the municipalityand surrounding areas;

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(b) Attitudes toward housing within the **municipality** and surrounding area;

(c) Housing costs within the municipalityand surrounding area;

• (d) The amount and percentage of vacant acreage zoned for industrial use.

26. State whether you have ever received any federal or state assistance for any purpose since 1960, setting forth the date and size of the grant, the use to which such funds were put, the location of use, and whether any funds remain to be expended. See attached list.

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A Member of the Firm

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are wilfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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DATED:

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