

Re: RE: RE: Statement on flowers park

From: Robert Cox
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To: Jones, Kim
kjones@newrochelleny.gov

On: Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 15:56:30

Exhibit H

I did, remember?

But if it helps

This is a public records request.

I would like to obtain the following records:

All documents related to the flowers, Park, RFP, including any bid proposals and related materials.

I would like the fulfillment of my request to adhere to the new standards required under recent amendments to the New York State Freedom of Information Law which were intended to bring FOIL into the digital era.

Whenever and wherever possible I would like records provided pertaining to my records request to be converted to and delivered in standard, cross-platform, non-proprietary electronic/digital formats. For paper records that must be duplicated, I would like them duplicated by scanning not photocopying and saved in Adobe Acrobat PDF (i.e., pdf). For audio records, I would like them exported/saved into a standard audio format (i.e., .mp3). For video records, I would like them exported/saved into standard video format (i.e., .mp4). For electronic database records, I would like them converted into Microsoft Excel (i.e., .xls) I would like all communications including the delivery of documents to take place via email as much as is possible based on the nature and size of the available records. Other online digital delivery methods such as Dropbox are also acceptable.

The New York State Committee on Open Government has issued numerous advisory opinions to the effect that an agency can not require that a request be made on a prescribed form. The Freedom of Information Law, §89(3), as well as the regulations promulgated by the Committee (§1401.5), require that an agency respond to a request that reasonably describes the record sought within five business days of the receipt of a request. As such, neither the Law nor the regulations refer to, require or authorize the use of standard forms. Accordingly, it has consistently been advised that any written request that reasonably describes the records sought should suffice.

I willing to pay any necessary, required statutory costs but for any costs that exceed \$20.00 I would like prior notification of the estimated cost to comply with this records request so I do not get any big surprises. I am willing to entertain any reasonable request to tailor or

narrow my request to make compliance easier. I can be charged for the time required to "prepare" records at the lowest hourly rate for the lowest-paid person capable of doing the work but I cannot be charged for "search" time or for any costs related to work done by a machine (e.g., a machine that scans and converts paper documents to PDF files, exporting a digital video file from a video surveillance system, duplicating an audio cassette recording, burning files onto a CD) or for any costs not specified under the statute.

I would like the Records Access Officer to certify that the records are genuine.

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

On Tuesday, 11/18/25 at 15:25 Jones, Kim <kjones@newrochelleny.gov> wrote:

I apologize for the delay.

Is it possible to foil this request.

Thank you very much.

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 8:20 AM

To: Melendez, Wilfredo <wmelende@newrochelleny.gov>; Jones, Kim <kjones@newrochelleny.gov>

Subject: Re: RE: Statement on flowers park

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I return home tomorrow and was hoping to write up a story based on the bid documents.

Can you please send them no later than tomorrow morning your time?

Thank you

Bob Cox

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

On Friday, 11/14/25 at 17:47 Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com> wrote:

Hi

Hate to be a nudge but I am traveling next week and would like to post the Flowers Park bid docs today.

Can I get them?

Bob Cox

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

On Thursday, 11/13/25 at 21:33 Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com> wrote:

Got it. Thanks.

For good orders sake, can you send along the bid proposal (redacted for confidential/proprietary as appropriate),

Bob Cox

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

On Thursday, 11/13/25 at 21:22 Melendez, Wilfredo <wmelende@newrochelleny.gov> wrote:

Yes. I informed council early this morning on my intentions. Posting a statement now.

From: Robert Cox <robertcox@talkofthesound.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2025 3:46 PM

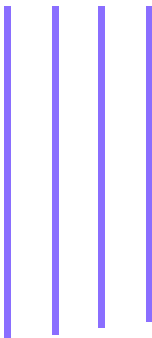
To: Melendez, Wilfredo <wmelende@newrochelleny.gov>

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I saw Matt's statement and published it

Now I hear you have a statement



Can I get a copy?

Bob Cox